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# RESOLVES

OF THE

## HOUSE OF BURGESSES,

Passed the 16th of May, 1769.

RESOLVED, *Nemine Contradicente*, **T**HAT the sole Right of imposing Taxes on the Inhabitants of this his Majesty's Colony and Dominion of Virginia, is now, and ever hath been, legally and constitutionally vested in the House of Burgesses, lawfully convened according to the antient and established Practice, with the Consent of the Council, and of his Majesty, the King of Great-Britain, or his Governor for the Time being.

RESOLVED, *Nemine Contradicente*, That it is the undoubted Privilege of the Inhabitants of this Colony, to petition their Sovereign for Redress of Grievances: and that it is lawful and expedient to procure the Concurrence of his Majesty's other Colonies, in dutiful Addresses, praying the Royal Interposition in Favour of the violated Rights of *America*.

RESOLVED, *Nemine Contradicente*, That all Trials for Treason, Misprision of Treason, or for any Felony or Crime whatsoever, committed and done in this his Majesty's said Colony and Dominion, by any Person or Persons residing therein, ought of Right to be had, and conducted in and before his Majesty's Courts, held within the said Colony, according to the fixed and known Course of Proceeding: and that the sending any Person or Persons residing in this Colony, suspected of any Crime whatsoever, committed therein, and sending such Person or Persons to Places beyond the Sea to be tried, is highly derogatory of the Rights of *British* Subjects; as thereby the inestimable Privilege of being tried by a Jury from the Vicinage, as well as the Liberty of summoning and producing Witnesses on such Trial, will be taken away from the Party accused.

RESOLVED, *Nemine Contradicente*, That an humble, dutiful, and loyal Address, be presented to his Majesty, to assure him of our inviolable Attachment to his sacred Person and Government: and to beseech his Royal Interposition, as the Father of all his People, however removed from the Seat of his Empire, to quiet the Minds of his loyal Subjects of this Colony, and to avert from them those Dangers and Miseries which will ensue, from the seizing and carrying beyond Sea any Person or Persons in *America*, suspected of any Crime whatsoever, to be tried in any other Manner than by the antient and long established Course of Proceeding.

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**T**HE Journal of the House of Burgesses for the session beginning November 6<sup>th</sup> 1766, and extending to the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December following, was located after an exhausted search in the *British Record Office*. In the Report of the *American Historical Association* a reference is made to the Journal of this session, but as only the date the Assembly convened is given, it is apparent that no copy was found.

In the efforts of the State to locate this Journal, also those of 1767 and 1768, it was ascertained that it was not an uncommon custom at that time to forward certain records from one Colony to another, where they would be read and forwarded to the Home Government. With this knowledge at hand *B. F. Stevens & Brown*, of London, England, were authorized to make an extensive examination of the records of other Colonies in search of the missing Journals. Sometime after this research was undertaken, the Journals in question were located in the collection known as the Board of Trade Papers of *North Carolina*; thereby enabling the State to complete its series to 1680. Several Journals not known to exist heretofore were also located. This is especially true for the period between 1680 and the beginning of the eighteenth century.

The session beginning March 12<sup>th</sup>, 1767, and extending to the 11<sup>th</sup> of April following, has apparently escaped the attention of all bibliographers to date. This Journal was likewise found among the *North Carolina Papers*, and, like the Journal of 1766 is exceedingly important, since it contains among other matter, the second report of the Committee appointed to examine into the affairs of *John Robinson*, Speaker of the House of Burgesses, and Treasurer of the Colony from 1738 to 1766.

The Journal of 1768, being the third and the most recent discovery, was likewise located by *B. F. Stevens & Brown* in the *North Carolina* collection. This Journal extends from the 31<sup>st</sup> of March to the 16<sup>th</sup> of April 1768, and is equally as important as any Journal of that period. It is inferred from the report of the *American Historical Association* that no copy had been located; simply a note indicating the date the Assembly convened being given.

The first session of the Assembly of 1769 convened on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, and was dissolved by Governor *Botetourt* on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the same month. The only printed copy of this Journal which the editor has been enabled to locate, is to be found in the *Library of Congress*.

Copies of the Journal of the second session of 1769, which extended from November 7<sup>th</sup> to December 21<sup>st</sup>, have been located in the *Library of Congress*, the *Philadelphia Library Company* and the *Virginia State Library*; the latter Institution possessing four copies. So far as it is possible to ascertain, all printed copies above referred to are in good state of preservation, especially the Journal of the first session of 1769, which is the property of the *Library of Congress*.

Opposition to the Stamp Act having been determined upon, the House of Burgesses adopted resolutions opposing its enforcement. Little hope, however, of effecting such a result existed, owing to the unfriendly attitude of the Duke of *Camberland*, who was Prime Minister at that time. The Colonies were led to believe that nothing favorable to their interests could emanate from him, though they had a strong friend in Gen-  
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eral Conway, the new Secretary for the Colonies, who defended them valiantly upon the floor of Parliament. The friendly attitude of this officer, and the death of the Prime Minister on October 31<sup>st</sup>, the day before the Stamp Act was to become effective, gave rise to a renewed determination to at least effect a modification of the law. A new Colonial policy being necessary, Parliament at once assembled and had laid before them various papers showing the condition of the Colonies, including the famous *Virginia Resolutions* which had caused so much excitement and disturbance. In addition to this, many merchants of *London* who complained that the Act greatly injured their trade petitioned Parliament for relief. *Pitt* urged in the face of the strongest opposition an immediate repeal, denying the right of Parliament to tax *America*, and rejoicing in the resistance of the Colonies. He maintained that "three millions of people so dead to all the feeling of liberty as voluntarily to submit to be slaves, would have been fit instruments to make slaves of the rest." In the House of Lords, Lord *Camden* upheld the position of the Colonies in a most eloquent manner, his remarks upon that occasion clearly denoting his strength and character; "My position is this—I repeat it, I will maintain it to my last hour—taxation and representation are inseparable; this position is founded on the laws of nature; it is more, it is itself an eternal law of nature; for whatever is a man's own is absolutely his own; no man hath a right to take it from him without his consent, either expressed by himself or representation; whoever attempts to do it attempts an injury; whoever does it commits a robbery; throws down and destroys the distinction between liberty and slavery. Taxation and representation are coeval with, and essential to, this Constitution." Such arguments proved irresistible and the repeal of the Act was effected. *George III* signed this paper that meant so much to *Americans* on March 18<sup>th</sup> 1766; his action causing great joy and happiness both in *England* and the Colonies.

Governor *Fauquier*, upon receipt of authority from the Home Government, issued a proclamation on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of *June*, 1766, in which he stated that the Stamp Act had been repealed, and calling upon all "magistrates, officers and others whom it may concern" to proceed with business and execute their respective duties in accordance with the Law:

By the Honourable FRANCIS FAUQUIER, Esquire, His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief of the said Colony and Dominion:

#### A PROCLAMATION.

VIRGINIA, to-wit:

*Whereas*, his Majesty has been graciously pleased to give his assent to an act of Parliament (a copy of which is now in this colony) entitled *An act to repeal an act made in the last session of Parliament, entitled An Act for granting and applying certain Stamp Duties, and other duties, in the British colonies and plantations in America, towards further defraying the expense of defending, protecting, and securing the same; and for amending such parts of the several acts of Parliament, relating to the trade and revenue of the said colonies and plantations, as direct the manner of determining and recovering the penalties and forfeitures therein mentioned*: I have thought proper, by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council, to issue this proclamation,<sup>2</sup> hereby notifying the same; to the end that all magistrates, officers, and others whom it may concern, do proceed on business, and execute the respective duties of their office in the useful course. And for the more solemn signification thereof, I do appoint this proclamation to be read and published at the courthouse of the several counties within this dominion.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the colony, at *Williamsburg*, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of *June*, 1766, and the 6<sup>th</sup> year of his Majesty's reign.

FRANCIS FAUQUIER.

GOD SAVE THE KING.





The announcement of the repeal of the Stamp Act was accepted in *Virginia* as a guarantee of the inherent rights of men. Great joy was everywhere evidenced and the action of Parliament was looked upon as a happy deliverance.

The Assembly meeting on *November 6<sup>th</sup>* following, it was found that many of the members who had supported the resolutions against the Stamp Act had been returned, while others who had opposed it had lost their seats. Upon assembling a bill was introduced to erect a statue to *George III*, and to the champions of the Colonies who had contributed to the repeal. A section of *Halifax* County was set aside at the same time, and named *Pittsylvania*, in honor of *Pitt*, and a parish in the same County was named in honor of *Camden*. The effect of the repeal of the Stamp Act, however, soon caused *George III* to repent of his action; he regarding it as a "fatal compliance with popular demand," and determined to hold absolute authority in the Colonies. *Charles Townshend*, Chancellor of the Exchequer, advanced a method by which a revenue might be drawn from *America* without offence. He stated that he was a "firm advocate of the Stamp Act, for its principle and for duty itself; . . . "I laugh at the absurd distinction between internal and external taxes. I know of no such distinction. It is a distinction without a difference; it is perfect nonsense; if we have a right to impose the one, we have a right to impose the other; a distinction is ridiculous in the opinion of every-body, except the *Americans*." Then laying his hand on the table in front of him, he added "*England* is undone, if this taxation is given up." Such opposition to the Colonies resulted in the passage of an Act to impose certain duties, which was to take effect *November 20<sup>th</sup> 1767*, and to be enforced by a Board of Trade of the King's own selection. *Townshend*, like the Duke of *Cumberland*, died before the Duty Act took effect, and Lord *North* succeeded him as Chancellor of the Exchequer. At the same time the Earl of *Hillsborough* was made Secretary for the Colonies.

The *Massachusetts* Assembly meeting *December 30<sup>th</sup> 1767*, an address prepared by *Samuel Adams* to the Ministry, and a petition to the King setting forth the rights of the Colonies were forwarded to *England*. The following year *Virginia* likewise passed resolutions<sup>1</sup> in the form of a remonstrance to the House of Commons. These petitions greatly offended the King, and a royal order was issued requiring *Massachusetts* to rescind its letter, and all other Assemblies to treat it with contempt. This the various Colonies refused to do, on the contrary they expressed their sympathy for *Massachusetts* and *Virginia*.

With this condition of affairs existing in the Colonies, Parliament in *November 1768*, determined to make an example of *Massachusetts*. A petition to the King asking that the principal offenders be brought to England and tried by special commission having failed, the Ministry attempted to separate *Massachusetts* from the other Colonies by promising to repeal a part of the Duty Act, which it was judged would appeal to them. At the same time it was determined that Baron de *Botetourt*, an amiable and attractive man should be appointed Governor of *Virginia*, with a view to alienating the interests of this Colony from those of the Colonies in general. The first act of this Governor was most popular; he concurring with the Council in refusing to issue writs of assistance for the enforcement of the Revenue Act. At the meeting of the Assembly on *May 11<sup>th</sup>, 1769*, he assured the Burgesses of the high regard which *George III* maintained for them, and stated that in the future the Governor should reside within the Colony, and that *Virginia* should no longer be governed by a Deputy. He likewise promised to extend the jurisdiction of the Colony to the *Tennessee* River, but disclosed the real purpose of *England* in expressing the wish that no resolutions sustaining the cause of *Massachusetts* be passed by the *Virginia* Assembly. *Virginia* had no idea however, of deserting *Massachusetts*, and the Assembly so expressed itself on the *16<sup>th</sup> of May* following. At that time resolutions<sup>2</sup> to the effect that the right of imposing taxes upon the Colony of *Virginia* was alone vested in the House of Burgesses; that all trials for treason or any other crime should, when committed in *America* be tried there, and that the "sending of such person or persons to places beyond the sea to be tried" was derogatory to the rights of *British* Subjects. A petition concerning the same subject was likewise forwarded

<sup>1</sup> See Journal, Thursday, April 14, 1768.

<sup>2</sup> Frontispiece—Broadside in Virginia State Library.





warded to *George III*, copies of which were to be printed in the *English* papers. The proceedings on this occasion were held behind closed doors; the Burgesses fearing a dissolution before their task could be completed.

The Ministry finding many difficulties confronting them, and knowing of the existence of a large party who favored the Colonies were forced to yield, and it was determined to repeal all Duties except that which had been placed upon tea. This concession brought about a re-adjustment of Colonial affairs, and assured the Colonies that no further effort would be made to raise a revenue from *America*. Governor *Botetourt* communicated this decision of the Crown to the *Virginia* Assembly on November 7<sup>th</sup> 1769, and the repeal of existing taxes was accepted as a just and equitable settlement of the grievances of the Colony. This ended the discussion on the question of taxation, and permitted the taking up of matters of importance to the Colony, many of which had been delayed since the passage of the Stamp Act.

Afide from the repeal of the Stamp Act nothing affected the Colony of *Virginia* so vitally during the period of 1766 to 1769 as did the condition of the Treasury. The action of *John Robinson*, Treasurer of the Colony, in re-emitting treasury notes that were ordered to be burned by the Assembly, created intense excitement in money circles, and resulted in the separation of the offices of Treasurer and Speaker of the House of Burgesses. In placing these notes into circulation again, it was claimed that *Robinson* had but one object in view, and that to relieve the great financial straits which the country experienced at that time. Under similar circumstances in former years, the money destroyed by order of an Assembly was quickly followed by a new series of notes which were at once placed in circulation. It was not difficult therefore, to meet the demand made upon the colony for funds, especially when a tax more than sufficient in itself to redeem the entire output of Treasury notes was also levied.

In 1765 when *Virginia* was experiencing a financial panic, which arose from the vast indebtedness which the colony had incurred during the *French* and *Indian* Wars of the preceding ten years, demands were made upon the Treasury by the leading men of the Colony for financial aid. Not having the currency on hand at that time, and *Great Britain* having forbidden the further issue of Treasury notes, neither the Treasurer nor the Assembly could render any assistance in response to the needs of the Colony. The Treasurer had however, in his possession, a large number of Treasury notes that had been redeemed, which he held pending the order of the Committee appointed by the Assembly to destroy them. Seeing an opportunity to prevent further financial distress, he caused these notes to be re-emitted, accepting as security the paper of Various individuals when properly endorsed. These notes were redeemable before the time settled upon for burning them, and were filed as securities with the records of the Treasurer. Mr *Robinson* having died on Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 1766, these notes were discovered and the irregularity of his actions made known to the Colony. The Colony at once became divided on the question of the guilt or innocence of the accused, many claiming that he was justified under the circumstances just stated, in taking the action he did in the matter. The securities held by him as Treasurer, and his vast estate more than met the demands of the Colony, and the reports of the investigating committee indicate his purpose as anything but an intent to defraud.

Owing to the little attention that the Assembly paid to the finances of the Colony, and as an indication of its utmost appreciation of the Treasurer's ability, it is interesting to follow its action concerning him, from his appointment in 1738, to the Assembly which convened after his death in 1766.

Reference to the Statutes of *Virginia* reveals the fact that *John Robinson* was appointed Treasurer of the Colony in November, 1738. He succeeded *Richard Randolph*, Esquire, who was appointed by Governor *Gooch* to fill the unexpired term of Sir *John Randolph*, Knight, deceased.

The duties of the Treasurer of the Colony of *Virginia* at that time, is set out in full in *Hening's Statutes*, Volume 5, pp. 64, 65, Section 2:

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Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Burgeſſes, of this preſent General Aſſembly, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the ſame, That from and after the end of this ſeſſion of Aſſembly, *John Robinſon*, the younger, eſq. ſhall be, and he is hereby nominated, conſtituted, and appointed treaſurer of the revenue ariſing from the duty upon liquors and ſlaves, laid and impoſed by the three ſeveral acts of aſſembly above mentioned; to hold the ſaid office ſo long as he ſhall continue to be ſpeaker of the houſe of Burgeſſes, and from the time of his being out of that office, until the end of the next ſeſſion of aſſembly: And the ſaid *John Robinſon* is hereby authorized, impowered, and required, to demand, receive and take, of and from the ſeveral collectors of the ſaid duties, all and every the ſum and ſums of money ariſing by force and virtue of the ſaid acts, or any or either of them: And to demand and receive of the executors of the ſaid *Sir John Randolph*, and of the ſaid *Richard Randolph*, his executors and adminiſtrators, reſpectively, all ſuch ſum or ſums of money, as the ſaid *Sir John Randolph*, and *Richard Randolph*, or either of them, have received, on account of the ſaid duties, or otherwiſe, as treaſurer or treaſurers of *Virginia*; and which ſhall be in the hands of the ſaid *Richard Randolph*, or of the executors of the ſaid *Sir John Randolph*, at the end of this ſeſſion, and not otherwiſe appropriated by this preſent general aſſembly; allowing the ſaid *Richard Randolph* for his trouble, in paying the money ſo appropriated, the ſum of one hundred and fifty pounds: Which ſaid money, as well as all other ſums by him received, in virtue of his ſaid office of treaſurer, he the ſaid *John Robinſon* ſhall utter and apply, to and for ſuch uſes, and upon ſuch warrants, as by the ſaid acts for laying the ſaid duties, or by any other act or acts of the general aſſembly, is or ſhall be appointed and directed; and ſhall be accountable for the ſame to the general aſſembly.

*John Robinſon* was re-appointed by the acts of 1742, 1752, 1756, 1758 and 1761; holding his office in conjunction with that of Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes for twenty-eight years. An examination of the Journals from 1751 to 1765 reveals the fact that eight committees were appointed to examine the Treafurer's accounts during that period. Theſe examinations were mere matters of form, and the reports prior to 1763 conſiſted of a ſimple ſtatement of the balance in the Treafury, and to the correctneſs of the Treafurer's report. Such reports as were made between the period of 1752 and 1762 were delivered by *Charles Carter*, of *Lancaſter*, who was chairman of the committee appointed to undertake the investigation. The perſonnel of the committee during this period was ſeldom changed, *Charles Carter* being aſſiſted by *Chriſtopher Robinſon*, *Dudley Digges*, *Benjamin Harriſon* and others. In 1763, however, the committee was reduced to three in number, *Richard Bland*, *Richard Henry Lee*, and *Benjamin Harriſon*. Mr *Bland* reporting from this committee at that time, pronounced the account to be correct, and ſet forth in detail the notes emitted ſince June 1757, alſo the ſeveral taxes impoſed by law for ſinking the ſame. From this report it is aſcertained that ſince the above mentioned date 412, 962 £. 10 s. had been iſſued in the form of notes; the iſſues dating June 1757, April 1758, September 1758, February 1759, November 1759, March 1760, May 1760 and March 1762. It is likewiſe ſhown that the taxes created to redeem theſe notes exceeded by 11, 452 £. 4s. 7d., the aggregate amount of the notes liſted. The ſhowing made by the Treafurer at this time was therefore gratifying, and indications pointed to development along financial lines. By the Act of November 1761 the committee was authorized to deſtroy all bills and notes found by them in the cuſtody of the Treafurer, giving a receipt in full for notes burned. At the time of this examination the report further ſtates that 85,655 £. 6s. 6d. was deſtroyed in this manner. This ſtatement is the firſt one ſet out in detail that appears in the records of the Aſſembly, and as ſuch marks an era of financial development in the commonwealth.

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The next report made by the committee of the condition of the Treasury, was delivered to the House on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 1765, when Mr *Cary* reported that the accounts were truly stated, and the balance in the hands of the Treasurer to be 10,068*£*. 3*s*. 9*d*.

*Richard Henry Lee* in his "Memoir of the Life of *Richard Henry Lee*" speaking of the circumstances leading up to the investigation of 1765 makes the following statement:

"The next occasion upon which Mr *Lee* distinguished himself as an useful and patriotic member, was one of real importance to the colony. Mr *Robinson*, who, from his family and wealth, was at the head of the aristocratic party, united in his person the offices of speaker of the House of Burgesses, and treasurer of the colony. The latter office was in the gift of the crown, and those who held it had always been obsequious to the court. Such was the case with Mr *Robinson*. Possessed of great wealth, and high in official dignity, and being besides a person of an unassuming air, and politeness of manners, and of a great amiableness of nature, he was the most popular man of his party, and was personally much beloved. As a politician and legislator, he was a known "aristocrat"—yet many members of the republican party were in habits of friendly intercourse with him, and esteemed him as a man while they opposed him and the measures of his political friends.

The colony of *Virginia* had contracted large debts, by its exertions in the *French* and *Indian* wars, which had desolated its western frontiers. It had been compelled to anticipate its revenue, and to borrow considerable sums of money. To repay these loans, it had issued government paper redeemable, in each year, to a certain amount, by taxes pledged for the purpose. It was made the duty of the treasurer, to burn the bills which should be annually called in. The treasurer had been liberal of his private funds to his friends, whose style of living required larger expenditures than their estates yielded. When these were exhausted he had been induced to lend to many members of the House of Burgesses, the government bills which had been redeemed, and ought to have been destroyed. It is said, that he relied on his own means to prevent any ultimate injury to the state, and upon the security he had taken. The fact, that the treasurer had made an improper use of the money of the public, became known; or, at least, strong suspicions, were entertained on the subject. These suspicions gave rise to conversations among the opposition party; and, it was in agitation, to move an inquiry into the grounds of them. The considerations, that the speaker was individually concerned in the inquiry contemplated; that the interests of the colony were involved in it; that some of the ablest and most influential men in the house, were intimate friends of the speaker, and that a failure to prove his defalcation, no matter from what cause, would be represented as the just result of a malignant attack on him, made it a delicate and fearful task, to move the inquiry. Great indecision and backwardness were evinced. Mr *Lee*, as soon as he had satisfied his mind that there were grounds upon which to rest the suspicions, determined to brave every risk, and to assert the justice and necessity, of bringing delinquents to punishment. To his mind, their exaltation and influence, offered no just exception to the rigid application of these principles. The difficulties he would have to encounter, in the present cause, served only to stimulate his firm and adventurous spirit. Accordingly, he moved 'that a committee be appointed to inquire into the state of the treasury.' As soon as the government partly perceived what subject Mr *Lee* was about to agitate, they discovered symptoms of alarm, and prepared for a strenuous resistance. The speaker fixed his eyes with a dark and terrible frown upon Mr *Lee*. The members opposed to his motion, turned their faces from him, with haughty and disdainful airs; but, these things had no other effect, than to animate





animate Mr *Lee* to strains of indignant eloquence. The most able and influential members of the house, opposed his motion, yet, he refuted with great force, all objections to the inquiry, and seemed to gain strength and ardour, from the very means taken to defeat it. The resolution was finally adopted; then pursuing his success, he brought the business to a close, which promised to save the colony from great fiscal embarrassment, and the people from additional burdens. This achievement of Mr *Lee*, added greatly to his reputation throughout the colony. The author has found among the manuscripts of Mr *Lee*, a letter from a gentleman of a distant county of the colony, and not personally acquainted with him, complimenting him on the part he had acted, and thanking him, for the good he had done to his fellow citizens."

The effect of the report, which *Edmund Randolph* states was made by the enemies of *Robinson*; while exonerating *Robinson* gave rise to the advisability of separating the office of Speaker of the House of Burgesses from that of the Treasurer. That this question was considered of great moment at the time, is noted in a letter of Governor *Fauquier* to the Board of Trade, dated *Williamsburg*, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 1766:

*Williamsburg*,<sup>2</sup> 7 April, 1766.

... Your Lordships would have made me extremely happy if you had thought it advisable to have been more explicit in relation to the Speakership and Treasurership. But as your Lordships have honored me with a discretionary power to take the first favorable opportunity of dividing them, your Lordships may be assured I will act to the best of my judgment to promote His Majesty's service, both now and hereafter; and if I should be so unfortunate as to find your Lordships differ from me in that judgment, I must trust to your wonted candor to excuse me

Your most obedient servant,

FAUQUIER.

This decision on the part of the Board of Trade weighed heavily upon *Robinson*, who at that time was very ill at his home in the County of *King & Queen*. On Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> of May following the Treasurer died, and as is indicated by the press of the time, his death produced general sorrow throughout the Colony. Speaking of this noted Virginian, *Edmund Randolph*, in his *History of Virginia* pays a glowing tribute, which throws an important light upon his character and accomplishments:

"The death of *John Robinson*, the Speaker of the House of Burgesses, and Treasurer of the colony produced great agitation. These offices had been generally united in the same person. The chair, as the presidency of that House was called, was the feat of the prolocutor, and being without a salary derived the support of its dignity, as far as money was necessary to it, from the emoluments attached to the Treasury.

This gentleman was a native, educated wholly in *Virginia*. His reputation was great for sound political knowledge; and an acquaintance with parliamentary forms,—a benevolence, which created friends; and a sincerity which never lost one. Then only had he an enemy when the private individual was to be sunk in the public office.

When he presided the decorum of the house outshone that of the *British* House of Commons, even with *Onslow* at their head. When he propounded a question, his comprehension and perspicuity brought it equally to the most humble and the most polished understanding. To committees he nominated the members best qualified. He stated to the House the contents of every bill, and shewed himself to be a perfect master of the subject. When he pronounced the rules of order, he convinced the reluctant. When on a floor

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<sup>1</sup> *Randolph—History of Virginia*, (Mss) pp. 110-111.

<sup>2</sup> *Bancroft Transcripts—Library of Congress.*





of a committee of the whole house, he opened the debate, he submitted resolutions and enforced them with simplicity and might. In the limited sphere of colonial politics, he was a colossus. Hence he was for a long time elevated above the criticism of his faults. The thousand little flattering attentions, which can be scattered from the chair, operated as a delicious incense. When he was suspected of mismanaging the treasury, he could probably have sheltered himself by some handy resolution; but he met the charge with an air of magnanimity and defence, and appointed his very enemies to investigate it. Exculpated by their report, he continued triumphant until his death unlocked the truth. Immediately on his decease a suspicion stalked abroad and a large deficit was ascertained in the treasury.

In the Assembly a board of five commissioners, rather than a single Treasurer, was urged by several leading members; but the necessary expence, and the confidence in Mr *Nicholas*, whom the Governor had appointed Treasurer for the time, confirmed him in the post. He was allowed a commission on the monies received; and *Peyton Randolph*, the Speaker, a salary of five hundred pounds sterling *per annum*. Mr *Robinson's* arrearage has been discharged. The only apology which can be framed for the supineness of the Legislature in not more frequently and more minutely examining the Treasury, is founded in human nature. A seeming captious jealousy is painful. Addresses to the heart are too apt to silence the admonitions of the understanding: and patriotism itself is sometimes checked by the generosity of abhorring the semblance of persecution.

The intermediate period between this time and the beginning of the year 1774 resembled that season between two old friends, when the language begins to be embittered, and the heart is gnawed; a rupture is dreaded, but the cause is not forgiven.

On May 21<sup>st</sup> following, ten days after the death of *Robinson*, *Robert Carter Nicholas* was appointed by Governor *Fauquier* to fill the unexpired term. In connection with this appointment the Governor, writing to the Board of Trade on the date of the death of the Speaker, announced that His Majesty's Attorney General, Mr *Randolph* and *Richard Henry Lee* were spoken of for the Treasurership. In this connection Governor *Fauquier* expresses his preference for the Attorney General, and suggests *George Wythe* as Mr *Randolph's* successor:

Williamsburg, May 11, 1766.

My Lords:

*It is with great concern I am to inform your Lordships that His Majesty's Service has received a shock from the death of our late worthy Speaker. This event would have been a sensible loss at any time, but more particularly so now, as I had promised myself great assistance from him in the next Session of Assembly, to quiet the minds of the people and bring them to a just and proper sense of their duty. He was a man of integrity and ability, and one for whom I had long entertained a great esteem.*

*I have heard of two Candidates for his offices, viz<sup>t</sup>. His Majesty's Attorney General Mr *Randolph* and Mr *Lee*. The first is, of all men in this Colony, in my judgment the best qualified to repair the loss, as he possesses the good qualities of his late most intimate friend, and has always been one of the foremost to promote His Majesty's service in all the requisitions of the Crown, and has always used his endeavours to induce the Assembly to concur with me in all measures which were conducive to the honor and dignity of the Crown, and the peace and advantage of the Colony. On these accounts my wishes for success attend him.*

*In case of a vacancy in the place of Attorney General I intend to nominate Mr *Geo. Wythe* to succeed Mr *Randolph* till His Majesty shall be pleased to appoint another. This gentleman has also exerted himself in support of*  
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Government particularly so in his opposition to the late hot and virulent resolutions which brought on the dissolution. Such men my Lords I am humbly of opinion merit the favorable eye of the Government, and I hope your Lordships will think it for the service of the Crown to let it be cast on them.

I cannot my Lords deny this truth, that I have conceived a love and esteem for these gentlemen, but if I know my own heart, it was at first generated and has been since nourished by my observing their conduct both in public and private life, which has been uniformly void of guile and steady in the support of Government.

By the Act of Assembly which appoints a Treasurer, I am authorized in case of death or resignation, with the advice of the Council, to appoint one to officiate till the next meeting of the Assembly. I should most certainly have cast my eyes on M<sup>r</sup> Attorney General, but such an appointment would have vacated his seat in the Assembly and so would have defeated his schemes of being Speaker; therefore not to preclude any body of that house from that post of honor, if the Council should be of opinion with me, I shall now be for keeping M<sup>r</sup> James Cocke, the late Treasurer's Clerk in the office as principal, till the General Assembly shall appoint another. He has transacted the whole business of the office with great reputation for many years; he has all the papers of office and accompts in his custody, and perhaps it may be for the best to let him keep all together, to deliver them to the Treasurer appointed by Act of Assembly; rather than to have them pass through an intermediate hand, as his reputation is such as to be able to give me any security I can ask. I should be glad if it was in my power to do anything for him. I have on two different occasions made him acting Collector of the Customs protempore, but he has not yet had the good fortune to be confirmed by the Commissioners of the Customs.

Will your Lordships excuse for opening my bosom to you without the least reserve? If the House of Burgeesses should on their meeting elect a Speaker who has distinguished himself in the service of the Crown it is my present intention, because I think it for His Majesty's service, to pass the Act for making him Treasurer, (for they will certainly appoint their own Speaker). If on the contrary they shall elect a man who has been remarkable for opposing all measures of Government, my intention is, for the same reason, to refuse the Bill, be the Consequence what it may.

I am with the greatest esteem and regard My Lords Your Lordships most obd<sup>t</sup>. obliged and devoted Serv<sup>t</sup>.

FRAN. FAUQUIER.

Without waiting to receive a reply from the Board of Trade, concerning his suggestion, Governor Fauquier, under date of May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1766, nominated Robert Carter Nicholas as Treasurer of the Colony of Virginia:

Williamsburg, 22 May, 1766.

I am very happy that the ship which conveys my letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> instant to your Lordships has given me time to inform you of an alteration just made in the affair of the Treasurer. M<sup>r</sup> Nicholas a gentleman of an unexceptional character who is of the House of Burgeesses, has desired the Treasurership, for which he is willing to vacate his seat. Upon which I withdrew my recommendation of M<sup>r</sup> Cocke who is to be continued Clerk of the Treasury, and by the advice of the Council have nominated M<sup>r</sup> Nicholas to succeed the late M<sup>r</sup> Robinson till a Treasurer is appointed by Act of Assembly. It now begins to be whispered about that M<sup>r</sup> Nicholas's friends who are pretty numerous will endeavor to divide the officers of Speaker and Treasurer to secure the last to their friend. Your Lordships may be assured that I will with pleasure lay hold on this opportunity if possible, to effect what has been recommended to me by your right honorable Board. I am my Lords your most obd<sup>t</sup>. and devoted Serv<sup>t</sup>.

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The appointment of *Nicholas*, who strongly favored the separation of the offices of Speaker and Treasurer, at once produced lengthy arguments both for and against the plan. It was claimed that the new incumbent, not only fought the office with the knowledge of the friendship existing between the Governor and himself, but in order to ingratiate himself in the public favor published to the world the misconduct of his predecessor. An article to this effect, signed "*Philautos*" appeared in the *Williamsburg Gazette*, July 25<sup>th</sup> 1766, a section of which is herewith given:

"... *The said Gentlemen, believing that the favourable light he stood in with the Governour and Council might very probably procure him the office of Treasurer, for the time it was in their power to grant, offers his service, and according to expectation readily obtains; but modestly presuming that his interest in the House of Burgeses would not be sufficient both to continue him in that office and also to confer on him that of Speaker, wisely chose to preach up the expediency of a separation of those offices; and to ingratiate himself the more in the publick's favour, and thereby merit a continuance in this his new acquired office, by far the most lucrative of the two, he very hastily published to the world the misconduct of his predecessor, viz. That he had lent out to his friends the money belonging to the Treasury, whereby there is too large a quantity kept in circulation and seems to alarm the publick even with a danger of the loss of it. Which latter intimation I must think altogether groundless.*"...

PHILAUTOS.

Again in the defence of the Treasurer's good name "*An Honest Buckskin*,"<sup>1</sup> referring to the reflection cast upon *Robinson*, calls attention to the fact that no derogatory statement should have been made prior to a duly recognized "investigation of the late Treasurer's accounts." This point was evidently well taken for no investigation of the Treasury was made until the November Session following. It is further claimed by the same writer that no fraudulent act had been committed, and that a charge of embezzlement was decidedly unjust:

"*The proper period for inquiry might then have protected his memory from the slur embezzlement, by a discovery that this mismanagement proceeded from nothing fraudulent in the Gentleman, but from that humane disposition charity, so much recommended by Christianity to be concealed from vain ostentation; for although charity, or any such species of benevolence, is certainly condemnable when extended out of any office of trust yet it must be allowed that it is a virtue of that amiable dignity which will require the most decent tenderness in any reprehension of it.*"...

AN HONEST BUCKSKIN.

*Robert Carter Nicholas*, replying<sup>2</sup> to this communication, disclaims any reflection upon the memory of Mr *Robinson*, and exonerates him of any intention of doing other than the best of motives dictated:

"... *The insinuations thrown out of my designing to reflect upon the late Gentleman, as if I thought he had "embezzled" the publick money, or upon his debtors or securities, as if there was any danger of the money's being entirely lost to the country, are all equally ill natured as they are groundless; with respect to the first, I declare upon my honor, that I never had the least doubt of his intention to charge himself with every shilling, which came to his hands, or for which he ought to have been accountable; and I cannot discover the least hint, in what I wrote, to the contrary; I know I have always declared my opinion quite the reverse, and it has given me pain to hear anything like a speculation suggested. As to the securities, I do not know even at this time who they are, and never had any doubt*

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<sup>1</sup> *Virginia Gazette*, August 1, 1766.

<sup>2</sup> *Virginia Gazette*, September 5, 1762.





of their sufficiency; nor do I know who are the debtors, except from what I may accidentally have heard in conversation and a few circumstances which necessarily fell under my notice. . ."

ROBERT C. NICHOLAS.

This admission was in reply to "Philautos," whom Nicholas quotes in the same communication as follows:

*"The Speaker knew that the circulating cash was deficient and that it was not in the power of the Assembly to satisfy the general want of the publick by a new emission of paper currency; (Parliament prohibited its continuance) he knew that the publick could sustain no loss, as his own estates, &c. would be a sufficient indemnification, and that before the money advanced could be called for, it would be replaced in the Treasury. . ."*

In defence of his position, Robert Carter Nicholas, while possessing many friends, was unassisted through the press during the Summer of 1766. On October 17<sup>th</sup>, however, following, "A Freeholder" came to his assistance by publishing a lengthy article in the *Virginia Gazette* of that day. In this communication herewith given, it is alleged that the Journals of the House of Burgesses for the November Session, 1753, would reveal the fact that while 8,319 £. 13s. 11d. was the amount of balance in the Treasury there was actually no specie in the Treasurer's custody:

*"But to say that the late Speaker had a great influence in the House of Burgesses is not my only crime; I have also said 'that suspicions have gone forth, for many years, among the people, that much of this influence was obtained by indirect methods.' This hath raised your indignation, which, from the respect I owe you for your benevolent intentions to me, I must endeavour to remove. By inspecting Burgesses journals in the November Session of 1753, before the war, it will be found that the balance upon the publick account in the hands of the Treasurer was 8,319£. 13s. 11d. Now, although this balance was due from the Treasurer upon account, there was no specie in the Treasury; so that the greatest part of the Book of Claims, and the expenses of that session, which did not amount to two-thirds of that sum, remained unpaid, until money came in upon the several funds then arising; and many of the creditors were forced to receive paper money which was emitted by a subsequent Assembly and particularly appropriated to the use of the war, which was then commenced."*

*"From this time a suspicion prevailed that the publick money was misapplied, and perhaps those suspicions might be increased by the conduct of 'Lady Virginia,' for as that Lady stood very high in the opinion of most men, her arguments must have made a deep impression on those to whom she communicated them to the Speaker's disadvantage. However, let that be as it will, it is certain these suspicions rose to a great height in March 1765; and the holders of the Treasury notes, whose currency determined at that time, were confirmed in them, when, upon applying at the Treasury for the redemption of those notes, conformable to the direction of the law, and the Governour's advertisement in the Gazette, the Treasury was found almost totally deficient, and scarce able to redeem a single note. Gentlemen spoke with great freedom upon this occasion; they censured the Speaker's conduct; they censured the House of Burgesses; and gave it as their opinion that the Speaker would not have dared to embezzle the public money if he had not obtained an influence in the House by indirect methods. . ."*

A FREEHOLDER.

Reference to the Journal referred to under date of Monday December 17<sup>th</sup> 1753, proves this statement to be in conflict with the evidence therein given:

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\* *Virginia Gazette*, September 5, 1766.





"Mr Charles Carter reported, that the Committee appointed to examine the Treafurer's accounts, had, according to Order, had the fame under their Consideration and had examined all the feveral Articles, and Vouchers thereof, whereupon it appeared, that the faid Accounts are truly ftated, and that the Ballance of the publick Monies now in the Hands of the Treafury, amounts to the Sum of 8,319£. 13s. 11d. Current Money."

This is the only allufion to this report given in the Journal referred to, and proves conclufively that the conditions ftated by "*A Freeholder*" in his communication were incorrect, and that he muft have been in poffeffion of fome knowledge not contained in the report alluded to by him. The reference of the fame writer to "*Lady Virginia*" is poffibly an allufion to *Richard Henry Lee*, fince that Gentleman moved "that a committee be appointed to inquire into the ftate of the Treafury," and it was his refolution that brought to light the difclofure made in *March 1765*.

Another important queftion which constituted an iffue between the two factions in the Houfe of Burgeffes, was that of committees appointed for the burning of Treafury notes. This action refulted from an act<sup>1</sup> of *March 1760*, which was repeatedly oppofed upon the floor of the Houfe by friends of the Treafurer who confidered it a reflection upon his character.

Referring to this queftion which was advanced by "*Philautos*" in his communication of *July 25<sup>th</sup>, 1766*,<sup>2</sup> *Robert Carter Nicholas* replies under date of *September 5<sup>th</sup>*, as follows:

"... When the first burning committee was propofed, I was prefent; the motion to me was fudden and unexpected, and therefore I had not fufficient time to confider it; the late Gentleman represented it as a reflection upon his character; I had fo high an opinion of his good conduct and fo little doubt of his complying with the laws relating to the management of the Treafury, that I voted againft the motion, and am willing to fuppose, if the Gentleman will permit me, that a majority was influenced by the fame motives. I was not fo curious as to obferve the particular members who voted pro or con, and did not recollect which fide of the queftion was favoured with the Gentleman's voice, until he informed me by his letter; I ought indeed, had I known his capacity for fearching into the moft remote and hidden powers of a 'poffibility', to have fupposed that we were oppofites; fince he has favoured us with this piece of intelligence, though I may not be able to 'point out the influence that governed my friend,' yet I muft take the liberty of faying that the reafon which he had affigned feems to me but a very indifferent one. When the first emiffion of the Treafury notes was propofed, many Gentlemen were alarmed, the expedient being quite new in this country; we were then told that the taxes would every year bring a certain proportion of this money into the Treafury, where it would fink of courfe; upon which principle the laws were formed, by which the Treafurer was expreffly forbid applying the taxes to any other purpose than the redemption of the Treafury notes; the defign of propofing a committee to burn the money, as was fully explained at a fubfequent feffion, when the act paffed for destroying all the notes redeemable in 1765, was to avoid the confufion and ill confequences which might arife from any accident to the Treafury either by fire, or otherwife, and to fatisfy the publick that the notes were actually burnt according to the first defign. . ."

ROBERT C. NICHOLAS.

Another and exceedingly important point of view concerning *Robinfon's* motive is to the effect that he attempted to intitute a loan office. So far as the records of the time fhew there is little evidence that identifies *Robinfon* with this move, though an attempt was made on *Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 1765*, to borrow 240,000£. fterling. The Journal record in this matter fets forth clearly the purpose of the Colony to borrow

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<sup>1</sup> Hening, VII, p. 353.

<sup>2</sup> *Virginia Gazette*.





100,000£ sterling on Bills of Exchange. This money was to be used in redeeming all paper money then in circulation, which was to be burned and the new series floated. The Resolution also provided that "140,000£ sterling be imported in specie, or drawn by Bills of Exchange, to be sold for specie (as shall be found most convenient) and deposited as a stock whereon to circulate bank notes." It likewise provided for a reduction of the principal at the end of four years, a second reduction after nine years, and annual reductions thereafter until the whole loan had been paid:

Mr Attorney reported, according to Order, that the Committee of the whole House had, according to Order, taken into their consideration the State of the Colony, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to as follows:

*Resolved*, That in Order to call in the Paper Money, and substitute another circulating Cash in this Colony, Proposals be made to the Merchants or others in *Great Britain* for borrowing of them the Sum of 240,000 pounds sterling, at an Interest of five Cent *per Annum*.

*Resolved*, That in Order to pay the annual Interest, and sink the Principal in Proportions of not less than 20,000 pounds sterling, a tax or duty of ten Shillings Sterling per Hoghead to be laid on all tobacco exported from *October 1<sup>st</sup> 1766*, to *October 1<sup>st</sup> 1775* and a Tax or Duty of six Shillings Sterling per Hoghead on all tobacco exported from *October 1<sup>st</sup> 1775*, to *October 1<sup>st</sup> 1795*, to be collected by the Naval Officers here and remitted to Trustees to be chosen in *Great Britain*, to answer such payments, this Fund to be mortgaged to the Lenders, and the publick Faith engaged to make good any Deficiencies that may happen herein.

*Resolved*, That the said Tax or Duty to be redeemable by the payment of other money remitted to and paid in *Great Britain*, which may arise from the receipt of Interest annually, and proportions of Principal of Money to be lent in this Colony, as hereafter directed.

*Resolved*, That for 100,000 pounds sterling of the Money so to be borrowed Bills of Exchange be drawn in such Mode as shall be agreed on between the Colony and the Lenders, and therewith all the Paper Money be redeemed and burnt.

*Resolved*, That the remaining 140,000 pounds Sterling be imported in Specie, or drawn by Bills of Exchange, to be sold for Specie (as shall be found most convenient) and deposited as a Stock whereon to circulate Bank Notes, to be lent out on permanent Security, at an Interest of five *per Centum*, to be paid yearly, a Proportion of the Principal at the end of four Years, another Proportion at the end of five Years, and afterwards by equal payments once in four Years, until the whole be repaid.

*Resolved*, That the Tax on Tobacco being the only Security on which the Money can be raised, as is supposed, the same is adopted; but being partial and unjust, in Respect to the People here, in order to repay so much thereof as exceeds the present Tax on that Commodity, to the Makers, a Tax of three Shillings per Poll annually to be laid from *April 1767* to *April 1769*, inclusive: and also a Tax of three Shillings and Sixpence per Poll annually, from *April 1770* to *April 1775* inclusive, and applied to the Purpose of such Payment; from which time the Tobacco Tax will be reduced to three Shills Sterling per Hoghead, instead of three Shillings current Money, to the Year 1779, when the Money borrowed in *Great Britain*, and Interest, will be paid off, and the Tax to cease.

*Resolved*, That on the Commencement of these Taxes, the present substituting Taxes on the Poll, Land and Tobacco, and the Inspection Duty of three Shillings current Money per Hoghead on Tobacco, shall be discontinued.

*Ordered*



Ordered, That Mr Attorney do go up to the Council to acquaint them that this House have come to the foregoing Resolutions, to which they desire their Concurrence; and further that they desire a Conference with them on the Subject Matter of the said Resolutions, and will appoint a certain Number of their Members to meet such as shall be appointed by the Council for that Purpose.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney, Mr Edmund Pendleton, Mr Cary, Mr Benjamin Harrison, Mr Burwell, Mr Braxton, and Mr Fleming, be appointed Managers for this House at the said Conference.

On Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> following after a Conference with the Council the Attorney General reported that the resolutions could not be agreed upon. This ended the question for that session, though the plan was re-enacted and set forth in detail on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1767. This attempt to effect a loan on the same basis as that condemned by the session of 1765 met identically the same fate; the Burgesses having agreed upon it, yet were unable to convince the Council of its merits.

Concerning the attempt of 1765, William Wirt Henry in his "Life of Patrick Henry" states that "Mr Henry had not been in his seat three days before he was called to his feet, by a proposition that the Colony borrow 240,000 pounds Sterling, to be secured and met by a tax on tobacco, of which 100,000 pounds sterling was to be used to redeem the current paper money issued to meet the expenses of the late war, and 140,000 pounds sterling in loans on permanent security." This authority quotes Thomas Jefferson,\* who, he states, heard the debate on the subject:

"The gentlemen of this country had, at that time, become deeply involved in that state of indebtedness which has since ended in so general a crush of their fortunes. Mr Robinson, the Speaker, was also the Treasurer, an officer always chosen by the Assembly. He was an excellent man, liberal, friendly and rich. He had been drawn in to lend, on his own account, great sums of money to persons of this description; and especially those who were of the assembly. He used freely for this purpose the public money, confiding for its replacement in his own means, and the securities he had taken on those loans. About this time, however, he became sensible that his deficit to the public was become so enormous, as that a discovery must soon take place, for as yet the public had no suspicion of it. He devised, therefore, with his friends in the assembly, a plan for a public loan office, to a certain amount, from which money might be lent on public account, and on good landed security, to individuals. I find in Royle's *Virginia Gazette* of May 17, 1765, this proposition for a loan office presented, its advantages detailed, and the plan explained. It seems to have been done by a borrowing member, from the feeling with which the motives are expressed, and to have been preparatory to the intended motion. The motion for a loan office was accordingly brought forward in the House of Burgesses, and had it succeeded, the debts due to Robinson on these loans would have been transferred to the public, and his deficit thus completely covered. This state of things, however, was not yet known: but Mr Henry attacked the scheme on other general grounds, in that style of bold, grand and overwhelming eloquence, for which he became so justly celebrated afterward. I had been intimate with him from the year 1759-60. and felt an interest in what concerned him; and I can never forget a particular exclamation of his in the debate, which electrified his hearers. It had been urged, that, from certain unhappy circumstances of the colony, men of substantial property had contracted debts, which, if exacted suddenly, must ruin them and their families, but with a little indulgence of time, might be paid with ease. 'What sir,' exclaimed Mr Henry, in animadverting on this,

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\* Vol. 1, p. 76.

\* Ford-Writings of Jefferson, ix, p. 339.





'is it proposed, then, to reclaim the spendthrift from his dissipation and extravagance by filling his pockets with money?' These expressions are indelibly impressed on my memory. He laid open with so much energy the spirit of favoritism, on which the proposition was founded, and the abuses to which it would lead, that it was crushed in its birth. He carried with him all the members of the upper counties, and left a minority composed merely of the aristocracy of the country. From this time his popularity swelled apace; and Mr *Robinson* dying a year afterward, his deficit was brought to light, and discovered the true object of the proposition."

Examination of the record concerning this attempt to borrow money in *England* discloses that *Thomas Jefferson's* statement that the proposition was defeated in the House is not borne out by the facts in the case. The Journal of May 24<sup>th</sup> 1765, states that it was resolved to borrow 240,000 pounds sterling at an interest of five *per cent. per annum*; it further states that the Attorney General was directed to acquaint the Council with the actions of the House in regard to the matter and desire their concurrence. That the Council did not concur in this resolution is seen by the report made by the Attorney General on May 28<sup>th</sup> following to the effect that the Managers for the House and Council had met in the Conference Chamber and that they could not give their assent to the plans of the House.

This interesting subject in connection with *Robinson's* irregularities seems to have been an after-thought, since neither the friends nor the foes of the Treasurer alluded to it at the time the matter was under discussion.

The Assembly meeting Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 1766, Governor *Fauquier* made no reference whatsoever to the Treasury matters, referring more particularly to important events which had occurred in *Great Britain*. On the following day, however, an order directing that a committee be appointed to examine into the state of the Treasury was passed. This committee was directed to report in full on all matters appertaining to the Treasury, and Mr *Bland*, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Fleming*, Mr *Henry*, Mr *Blair*, Mr *Carrington*, Mr *Wythe*, Mr *Tabb* and Mr *Francis Lee* or any five of them were to constitute a quorum:

"Ordered, *Nemine Contradicente*, That a Committee be appointed to examine into the State of the Treasury. That they state an Account of the Treasury Notes which have been issued for the publick Service since the End of the Fourth Session of the General Assembly, held in the Year 1754, with the Amount of the notes which have been burnt, and those remaining in the Hands of the Treasurer: That they state an Account of the annual Produce of the several Taxes, Duties, and Impositions, upon Lands, Tithables, Wheel-Carriages, Writs, Ordinary Licenses, Liquor, Slaves, and Tobacco, which have been paid into the Treasury since the End of the said Session of the General Assembly; and the Balances that appear to be due from the several Collectors of the said Taxes, Duties, and Impositions: and also that they state an Account of the Money paid to the several publick Creditors to the Treasurer for Commissions, and to the several Officers of the General Assembly for their Salaries, from the Time aforesaid, distinguishing upon such Account the Number of Days each Session continued; and that they report the same to this House." This committee, after thirty-seven days of consideration of the matter entrusted to them, reported on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> as follows:

"Mr *Bland* from the Committee appointed to examine into the State of the Publick Treasury, reported that they had had the same under their consideration, and agreed upon a Report; which he read in his Place, and then delivered it in at the Table, where it was again twice read and agreed to by the House, as follows:

Your Committee, in Obedience to the Order of the House, repaired to the Treasury Office, designing to begin and prosecute their Examination with  
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the utmost Care and Diligence; but being informed that the Representatives of *John Robinson, Esq<sup>r</sup>*; late Treasurer of *Virginia*, were engaged in stating his Accounts from the Treasury Books and Papers, your Committee judged it most prudent not to interrupt that necessary Work, hoping that the said Accounts, if properly adjusted, would greatly facilitate their Inquiry.

The Accounts being stated in such Manner as the Administrators thought fit, and laid before the House, were by a subsequent Order referred to your Committee.

Your Committee beg Leave to inform the House that the late Treasurer's Accounts, settled in the late Session of the late General Assembly, were brought down to the 10<sup>th</sup> day of *October*, 1764; but many Errors and Omissions having been discovered in his Account of the Land and Poll Tax, and the Tax on Wheel Carriages, his Administrators very properly recurred back to the Month of *April*, in the Year 1755, the Time when the first Taxes became payable, and from that Period proceeded to state the Accounts of his Receipts and Disbursements to the 24<sup>th</sup> of *May* last, when the present Treasurer came into Office. As to the other Taxes, the Account of them is taken up from the late Settlement.

Your Committee has with the utmost Precision they were able, examined the said Accounts, and compared them with the original Books and Vouchers in the Office, and humbly give it as their Opinion that the same are justly and fairly stated, except a few small Errors, which will be rectified in their future Inquiry, when any other Mistakes remaining may also be discovered and properly adjusted.

It appeared to your Committee, by a Certificate of the Committee appointed to burn the Treasury Notes, that at the Death of *John Robinson, Esq<sup>r</sup>*; only £8,297. 12. 9 remained in the Treasury; that £6,079. 7. Part thereof was burnt by the said Committee; and £2,218.5.9, the Balance, was paid to the present Treasurer; so that according to the said Accounts as now stated, there remains due from the late Treasurer the following Balances, that is to say: On the publick Account £3,388.18.2; for Money received of the Sheriffs for the Land and Poll Tax, Tax on Wheel Carriages, the Inspectors of Publick Warehouses for the 2 / Duty on Tobacco, the County Court Clerks for Writs and Ordinary Licenses, and for the additional Duty on Slaves, £95,827.16. 5; on the Fund appropriated for the *Indian Trade*, £2500; amounting in the whole to £101,716. 14. 7. There appears the following Balances due to the late Treasurer, on Account of Bills of Exchange, and publick Tobacco, £304. 12. 4; and for Notes bearing Interest, £96. 4. 9; amounting in the Whole, to £955. 7. 2; which, being deducted from the above Sum, leaves a Balance due to the Publick of £100,761.7. 5.

Your Committee begs Leave further to represent to the House that many Sheriffs, Inspectors, and County Court Clerks, appears greatly in Arrear, some of them not having rendered any Accounts for several Years, and others having made but partial Settlements; that from the Accounts returned to the Treasury there appears due at this Time from the Sheriffs and Inspectors a considerable Sum, which your Committee is of Opinion ought to be recovered by the most speedy and effectual Methods.

It likewise appears, by the said Accounts, that the Country is charged with the late Treasurer's Commissions on the Receipts of several Sums of Money arising from each particular Fund; but whether, under the present Circumstances of the Affairs of the Treasury, this is just or reasonable, or whether the late Treasurer's Estate ought to be accountable for any and what Interest on the several Sums of Money misapplied, or made Use of by him contrary to Law, is humbly submitted to the Consideration of the House.

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Your *Committee* would have prosecuted their Inquiry into every particular Article, as directed by the Order of the House: This, they conceive would have been the most likely Means of correcting every Error, doing Justice, and giving the desired Satisfaction to the Publick; but as the stating those several Matters in a proper and distinct Manner must necessarily require more Time than the advanced Season of the Year, and the approaching Adjournment, will admit of, they take the Liberty of recommending to the House that your Committee be allowed to proceed on that Business during the Recess of the Assembly."

This report of the Committee was immediately followed by a memorial of the administrators of *John Robinson's* will, asking that they be given three years to settle the estate and deliver to the Colony sufficient funds to liquidate his indebtedness. As the result of this petition an Act<sup>r</sup> was passed which authorized *Peter Randolph*, *Edmund Pendleton*, and *Peter Lyons*, Mr *Robinson's* administrators to sell "such parts of his real or personal estate as to them shall seem most convenient for the payment of his debts." Proceeding under this Act the administrators made such returns as were possible at the time and continued to report at intervals until 1770.

The memorial in question was presented to the House of Burgesses by Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, and the Journal of December 12<sup>th</sup> states that it was "delivered in at the table, where it was read, and is as follows:"

That on examining the Books and Papers of the said *John Robinson* in their hands, they have discovered that the large Balance of £ 100,761. 7. 5., now stated and found due from him, as Treasurer of this Colony, for Taxes received by him, was re-emitted and lent out to sundry Persons, from whom the same is now due, as his outstanding Debts amount to the Sum of £ 105,000, of which, however, the Memorialists think about the Sum of £ 12,000 will prove desperate, and be lost.

That besides the said outstanding Debts, the Estate of which the said *John Robinson* died seized and possessed consists of about 4000 Acres of Land, where he lived, in the County of *King* and *Queen*, about 3200 Acres on *Morocofick*, in that County and *Caroline*, about 6500 Acres in the County of *Spotsylvania*, about 4250 Acres in the County of *Hanover*, 1200 Acres in the County of *King William*, some Houses and Lots in the City of *Williamsburg*, and about 400 Acres of Land in the County of *James City*, all of which Lands may be reasonably estimated at the Value of £ 11,000; besides which he is interested one third Part in some Lands and Slaves employed in working a Lead Mine in the County of *Augusta*, and the Whole of those Lands and Slaves are bound to reimburse him the Sum of £ 8000, advanced for carrying on the said Works; and is also interested in one Share in the *Dismal Swamp*, and some Slaves employed in draining the same; that he dies possessed of about 400 Slaves, and a considerable personal Estate.

That the private Debts due from the said *John Robinson*, as far as the Memorialists have hitherto been informed, amount to about £ 3500, and his Engagements, as Security for others, to about £ 20,000, of which they believe his Estate must pay and sustain the Loss of a considerable Sum, which they cannot point out with Precision, as it depends on unforeseen Events.

From this View of the Estate of the said *John Robinson*, and the several Bonds which have been laid before this House, as given by him for the due and faithful Execution of his Office of Treasurer, in which good and sufficient Security appears to have been given, in Penalties to the Amount of £ 190,000, your Memorialists presume it will appear that the Publick have sufficient Security ultimately to make good any Deficiency in the Treasury; and





and they beg leave to assure the House that they will use their best Endeavours to raise the Balance due to the Colony, with all imaginable Expedition: But from the distressed Situation of the Country, and the great Scarcity of Money among us, they are too apprehensive they cannot effect the same so soon as the Nature of the Case requires; and that should they, in Order to that End, use rigorous Measures to enforce hasty and precipitate Sales of the Estate of the Debtors, and also sell in that Manner the Estate of the said *John Robinson*, they are humbly of Opinion that such Steps, at the same Time that it must involve many Families in Ruin, would be so far from answering the End which might be expected that it would be the Means of defeating it, as Estates sold in that Manner and under such Circumstances, might not raise near the Balance due to the Publick, though greatly exceeding it in their real Value.

That your *Memorialists* hope they shall be able, without introducing those Mischiefs, to collect and pay into the Treasury annually, in each of the three succeeding Years one third Part of the said Balance, so as to effect the Payment of the whole by *October 1769*, the Time appointed for the final Redemption of the Treasury Notes, in Case the House shall approve thereof, as the best Means that can be adopted in this unlucky situation of Things.

Your *Memorialists* further beg Leave to represent that the said *John Robinson* in Order to secure the Repayment of fundry Sums of Money by him lent, at some Time really purchased Lands and Slaves, and had Possession thereof, and in other Instances took absolute Conveyances of Lands and Slaves, without any Clause of Redemption, although the same was intended only as Security, and the Donors remained in Possession. That if, as is probable, it should be necessary to sell any Part of the Estate of the said *John Robinson* for Payment of these Debts, as the Son and Heir of the said *John Robinson* is an Infant, the *Memorialists* will be obliged, in a regular Course of Administration, to sell first the personal Estate, and then the Slaves; by which Means not only the whole Lands will be left a Burthen upon the Heir, but among them will be included several detached Tracts, which ought to be considered only as pledged for Money, though absolutely conveyed as before mentioned, and should be turned into Money to pay the Debts.

They therefore submit this their Memorial to the most serious Consideration of the House, and humbly hope their Proposal will be accepted of, as to the Mode and Time of raising the Balance due to the Publick; and that an Act may pass to enable them to sell such Parts of the real and personal Estate of the said *John Robinson* as to them shall seem necessary, and most convenient for his Creditors and Family."

The Committee appointed to examine into the State of the Public Treasury, after reporting on *December 12<sup>th</sup>* the result of their researches, asked that they be permitted to continue the investigation during the recess of the Assembly. This being ordered, the Committee met from time to time during the Summer and Fall of 1766 and Spring following, and delivered their report on *Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 1767*. In this report an account of the Treasury notes, which were issued for public service since 1754, are referred to, and it is stated that £ 539,962. 10s. was the amount of the output during that period. He further states that over £ 396,000 had been burnt by the Committee appointed for that purpose, and the notes found in the Treasury at the time amounted to £ 7,043. 9 s. 8 d. Additional errors were also noted as having been found, which would make the amount due by the Treasurer to the Colony £ 102,572. 18s. 9d. This indebtedness, the administrators of *John Robinson's* estate, reduced £ 553. 7s. 4d., leaving a balance due at the time the report was made of £ 102,019. 5s. 7d. The report of this committee, which is embodied in the records of the session of 1767, is herewith given:





"Mr Bland, from the Committee appointed to examine into the State of the publick Treafury, reported, that they had had the same under their further Consideration, and had agreed upon the following Report; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows:

Your Committee, in Obedience to the Order of the House, have stated an Account of the Treafury Notes, which have been issued for the public Service, since the End of the fourth Session of the General Assembly held in the Year 1754, with the Amount of the notes which have been burnt, and those remaining in the Hands of the Treafurer, whereby it appears that the sum of £ 539,962. 10 hath been issued in Treafury Notes, since their first Emission, for public Services: That Notes to the Amount of £ 326,191. 18. 2 have been burnt by the Committees appointed by Acts of Assembly for the Purpose: That the Notes found in the Treafury, being carefully examined and counted by your Committee amounted to £ 7,043. 9. 8, of which they have burnt and destroyed £ 2,225. 3, being old Notes, whose Circulation is determined: That there now remains a Balance of £ 4,818. 6. 8 in the Hands of the Treafurer, to be applied towards the Redemption of the Old Notes now in Circulation; so that the Notes now in Circulation amount to £ 206,727. 2. 2.

Your Committee then proceeded to examine into the Errors and Mistakes committed in the late Treafurer's Accounts, as mentioned in their former Report, and have stated an Account thereof, by which a further Balance of £ 1,811. 1. 4 appears to be due, which added to the Balance of the former Account, would make the Debt at this Time due to the Public, from the Estate of *John Robinson*, Esq; £ 102,572. 18. 9; but his Administrators having paid into the Treafury, since the Settlement of the former Account, £ 553. 7. 4, there remains now a Balance of £ 102,019. 5. 7 due to the Public, from the said Estate.

Your Committee beg Leave to inform the House, that the Difference between the former and present Balance, as stated in the said Accounts, chiefly arises from sundry Sums of Money paid to the late Treafurer by the public Collectors, and not credited, for which Receipts have been produced: And as many other Mistakes of this Sort may hereafter be discovered, your Committee cannot determine what the exact Balance, due from the late Treafurer, may be."

On Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 1767 the Assembly passed "An Act to empower the administrators of the estate of *John Robinson*, Esquire, deceased, to sell such parts of his real or personal estates as to them shall seem most convenient for the payment of his debts." In this act it is set forth that during his life-time he possessed sundry slaves and considerable personal estate, but that at the time of his death was greatly indebted to the Colony. The act further stipulates that *Peter Randolph*, *Edmund Pendleton*, and *Peter Lyons*, administrators of his estate, were authorized to sell and dispose of such of the said lands as were considered necessary to meet the indebtedness to the Colony. This law was carried into effect in part only as subsequent acts indicate.

As late as 1769 we find that *Edmund Pendleton* and *Peter Lyons* advertised in the *Williamsburg Gazette*, that certain holdings of the late Speaker in the County of *Hanover*, would be sold during *January* and *February* of the next year. The records of the Assembly on the question, however, are silent after 1770, though frequent allusions are found in other channels, indicating the estate was still in an unsettled state at the time of the breaking out of the Revolution. In all the arguments advanced concerning the settlement of the Treafurer's affairs, no allusion seems to have been made to the Makers of the notes taken by *Robinson* as security for the paper currency re-issued by him.

Reports





Reports, however, show that such notes were found in the Treasury, having been placed there by *Robinson* as an evidence of debt.

The only action the Assembly seems to have taken in the matter is indicated by the various acts passed by them, directing that the Treasurer's estate be sold to meet the indebtedness, and that the dower of the widow of the late Treasurer be respected. The unusual method followed by the Colony of proceeding against the estate of the Treasurer in this matter, when the notes of all parties who were benefited by the loans were amply sufficient to liquidate the indebtedness, undoubtedly attracted attention at the time. Some Makers of this paper were no doubt proceeded against, but there is no evidence to warrant the belief that such notes were all settled. An examination of the "*Gazette*" of 1766, reveals the fact that an unusual amount of property was advertised for sale, but few of these notices indicate that the sale was ordered by the Administrators of *Robinson's* will.

Up to the time of the death of Treasurer *Robinson* there was no penalty for misapplication of Public Funds. That the Assembly considered his action a breach of trust, rather than any indictable offence, is evidenced by the law<sup>1</sup> passed in 1766, in which it is nominated that any Treasurer who "shall divert or misapply any part of the money paid into the Treasury for the public use, contrary to the directions of the Acts of Assembly by which the same is raised; then the said Treasurer, for such offence, shall forfeit his office, and be incapable of any office or any part of trust whatsoever." It further stipulates that any person so doing is liable to pay an amount equivalent to twice the amount so misapplied. From this it will be seen that the opinion of the time did not consider the Treasurer an embezzler. It was generally admitted and justly so, that his action was a breach of trust, but many condoned the offence upon the ground that the Colony was on the verge of financial ruin. This is one explanation of the affair, and as such is justified by the records in the case.

The treaty signed at Fort Stanwix, November 5<sup>th</sup> 1768, resulted in a lengthy dispute concerning the right of the *Six Nations* to certain lands now located in South-west Virginia. The trouble arose from the fact that the *Cherokees* ceded to Great Britain on October 13<sup>th</sup> 1768, certain lands "lying within the provinces of South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia," a section of which was claimed by the *Six United Nations*.

In a letter of *John Stuart*, Superintendent of Indian Affairs to *John Blair*, an account of this treaty which was signed at Hard Labour, South Carolina, is given. In this statement it will be seen that the South-west boundary of Virginia should extend "from that point where the North Line of North Carolina intersects the *Cherokee* Hunting Grounds, about thirty-six miles East of Long Island, in the Holston River, thence extending in a direct course North by East to *Chiswell's* Mine on the East bank of the *Kanhawa* River, and thence down that stream to its junction with the *Ohio*."

*Hard Labour*<sup>3</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1768.

Sir,

I have the honor of acquainting you that in obedience to His Majesty's commands, on the 13<sup>th</sup> curr<sup>t</sup> I met at this place all the principal chiefs of the Upper and Lower Cherokee Nations, and on the fourteenth, by his Majesty's Royal Authority concluded a Treaty with said Indians, ratifying the cessions of land lying within the Provinces of South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia by them to His Majesty and his heirs for ever; and confirming the boundary Line mark'd by the Lords Commissioners of Trade and Plantations, according to the several agreements enter'd into with said Indians. The line now ultimately confin'd and ratified by said Treaty was as follows:

From a place called Towahihie on the Northern Bank of Savannah River, a North 50 Degrees East course in a Straight Line to a place called Dewiffes

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<sup>1</sup> Henning, VIII. p. 211.

<sup>2</sup> Ramsay's Annals of Tenn. p. 76.    <sup>3</sup> Cherokee Papers—Virginia State Library.





corner or Yellow water, from Dewiffes Corner or Yellow water a North 50 Degrees East Course in a Strait line to the Southern Bank of Reedy River at a place called Wanghoe or Elm Tree, where the line behind S<sup>c</sup> Carolina terminates— From a place called Wanghoe Elm Tree on the Southern Bank of Reedy River a North Course in a strait line to a mountain called Tryon Mountain, where the great ridge of mountains becomes impervious. From Tryon Mountain in a straight line to Chifwell's Mine on the Eastern Bank of the Great Conhoway River about a N. B. E. course and from Colonel Chifwell's Mine on the Eastern Bank of the Great Conhoway with the Ohio. As soon as possible after my return to Charles Town I shall send you extracts of my conference and an authentick Copy of the above-mentioned Treaty, concluded with said Chiefs. I acquainted the Chiefs that I expected their Deputies would set out immediately from this place with any Deputy to meet your Commissioners at Colonel Chifwell's Mine, in order to finish marking the Boundary Line as agreed upon; but they objected and desired that service might be deferred till the spring of next year; the reasons they urged for this delay are as folloes; That when they appointed the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November for the time of meeting your commissioners to proceed upon that very important service, they understood that they had no more to mark than from the mountains, where the line behind North Carolina ends, to Chifwell's Mine on the Conhoway, as they considered the river from thence to its confluence with the Ohio as a natural Boundary; but as the line is to run in a strait course almost due North from the Mine to the mouth of the River, the advanced season of the year will render that service impracticable before the Spring, as the Line now ultimately agreed upon runs through a large extent of mountainous country uninhabited, where in the winter the cold will be extremely intense and there will be no shelter for man or food for horses at that season. These reasons appeared to me so good and just that I was obliged to acquiesce in them, and I send this letter by express to prevent as much as possible any disappointment that might result from this alteration. I hope you will receive it in time to prevent your Commissioners setting out. The Chiefs have appointed the 10<sup>th</sup> of May next for meeting your commissioners at Chifwell's Mine, which I hope will prove agreeable and their reasons for altering their time satisfactory to you. I reproached the Cherokees severely with the murder of five emigrants from your Province, who were going to the Mississippi, which was committed in summer last. They confessed it, and said the perpetrators were a party of Chilhowie people, who urged in their own defense that their relations had been killed in Augusta County in your Province in 1765, for which they had never received any satisfaction, although repeated promises had been made, either of putting the guilty persons to death, or making a compensation in goods from your province; which they believed because I had confirmed them. That they nevertheless were disappointed and being tired with the waiting took that satisfaction which they cou'd not obtain from our justices. All the warriors declared that they disapproved of the action, but that the Chilhowie people were authorized by the custom of their country to act as they did, and their plea of never having received any satisfaction was undeniable, that in any other instance nothing shou'd prevent their executing strict justice on offenders according to Treaties. It is not only extremely disagreeable to myself but very detrimental to his Majesty's service to be obliged to fail in any promise I make to Indians. The compensation of 500 Indian dressed Deerskins value in goods for every person murdered, which on the faith of Governor Fauquier's separated letters I engaged they should receive early in the spring, was extremely moderate, and this you will acknowledge if you compare it with the sum expended by the Province of Pennsylvania on a late similar occasion: and I must confess that this disappointment will render me extremely cautious in making promises on any future occasion.





*I am to meet the chiefs of the Upper and Lower Creek Nations at Silver Bluff on Savannah River on the 1<sup>st</sup> November to ratify the cessions to His Majesty and the two Floridas and Georgia, and expect to be at Charles Town by the time the bearer can return there. I have the honor of being very respectfully, Sir,*

*Your most obedient and very humble servant,*

JOHN STUART.

P. S. *I have agreed to pay the bearer Samuel Stainacre 22 pistoles.*

This treaty being closely followed by that of *Fort Stanwix* on November 5<sup>th</sup> 1768, gave immediate rise as to the ownership of a section of the land acquired by *Virginia* from the *Cherokees*. The *Six Nations* maintained that it was theirs by the right of conquest, and that a few years before they sent a deputation into the *Cherokee* County informing them of their claim. This deed which bears the date of November 5<sup>th</sup> 1768, states that the territory of *Six Nations* extended South to the *Cherokee* River and that the said *Indians* had undoubted right "to the country as far South as that point." It further conveyed not only the lands lying within *Virginia*, but also a vast territory which extended from the River *Ohio* as far East as the *Delaware* River:

**Deed<sup>s</sup> Signed by the Six Nations at Fort Stanwix. November 5th. 1768.**

TO ALL to whom these presents shall come or may concern. WE the *Sachems* and Chiefs of the *Six United Nations* and of the *Shawanese*, *Delawares*, *Mingoes*, of *Ohio*, and other dependent Tribes on behalf of ourselves and the rest of our several Nations, the Chiefs and Warriors of whom are now here convened by Sir *William Johnson* Baronet his Majesty's Superintendent of our affairs send greeting. Whereas, his Majesty was graciously pleased to propose to us in the year 1765 that a boundary line should be fixed between the *English* and us, to ascertain and establish our limits, and prevent those intrusions and encroachments of which we had so long and loudly complained, and to put a stop to the many fraudulent advantages which had been so often taken of us in land affairs, which boundary appearing to us as a wise and good measure we did then agree to a part of a Line and promised to settle the whole finally, whensoever Sir *William Johnson* should be fully empowered to treat with us for that purpose. And whereas, his said Majesty has at length given Sir *William Johnson* orders, Sir *William Johnson* has convened the Chiefs and Warriors of our respective nations, who are the true and absolute proprietors of the lands in question, and who are here now to a very considerable number, and whereas, many uneasinesses and doubts have arisen amongst us, which have given rise to an apprehension that the Line may not be strictly observed on the part of the *English*, in which case matters may be worse than before, which apprehension together with the dependant state of some of our tribes and other circumstances, which retarded the settlement and became the subject of some debate, Sir *William Johnson* has at length so far satisfied us upon, as to induce us to come to an agreement concerning the Line, which is now brought to conclusion, the whole being fully explained to us in a large assembly of our people before Sir *William Johnson* and in the presence of his Excellency the Governor of *New Jersey*, the Commissioners for the provinces of *Virginia* and *Pennsylvania*, and sundry other gentlemen, by which line so agreed upon, a considerable tract of country along several provinces is by us ceded to His said Majesty, which we are induced to and do hereby ratify and confirm to His said Majesty from the expectation and confidence we place in his royal goodness, that he will graciously comply with our humble requests as the same is expressed in a Speech of the several nations addressed to his Majesty Thro' Sir *William Johnson* on Tuesday the first day of the present



present month of *November*, wherein we have declared our expectations of the continuance of his Majesty's favor, and our desire that our ancient engagements be observed and our affairs attended to, by the officer who has the management thereof, enabling him to discharge all these matters properly for our interest. That the lands occupied by the *Mohawks* around their villages, as well as by any other Nation effected by this our cession, may effectually remain to them and to their posterity, and that any engagements regarding Property which they may be now under, may be prosecuted and our present grants deemed valid on our parts with the several other humble requests contained in our said speech. And *whereas*, at the settling of the said line it appeared that the Line described by his Majesty's order was not extended to the Northward of *Oswego*, or the Southward of *Great Kanhawa* River, we have agreed to and continued the line to the Northward, on a supposition that it was omitted by reason of our not having come to any determination concerning its course at the Congress held in 1765 and in as much as the line to the Northward became the most necessary of any for preventing encroachments at our very towns and residences, and we have given this line more favorably to *Pennsylvania* for the reasons and considerations mentioned in the Treaty. We have likewise continued it South to *Cherokee* River, because the same is and we do declare it to be our true bounds with the *Southern Indians*, and that we have an undoubted right to the country as far South as that River; which makes our cession to his Majesty much more advantageous than that proposed. Now therefore know ye that we the *Sachems* and Chiefs afore-mentioned, native *Indians* and Proprietors of the Lands hereinafter described, for and in behalf of ourselves and the whole of our confederacy for the consideration herein before mentioned, and also for and in consideration of a valuable present of the several articles in use and among *Indians*, which together with a large sum of money amount in the whole to the sum of Ten thousand four hundred and sixty pounds seven shillings and three pence sterling to us now delivered and paid by Sir *William Johnson* Baronet His Majesty's sole agent and Superintendent of *Indian* affairs for the Northern Department of *America* in the name and on behalf of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Third by the Grace of God of *Great Britain, France and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, the receipts whereof we do hereby acknowledge, we the said *Indians* have for us our heirs and successors granted bargained sold released and confirmed and by these presents do grant bargain sell release and confirm into our said sovereign Lord King *George* the Third at that Tract of land situate in *North America* at the Back of the *British* Settlements, bounded by a line which we have now agreed upon, and do hereby establish as the boundary between us and the *British* colonies in *America* Beginning at the mouth of the *Cherokee* or *Hogohoe* River where it emptys into the River *Ohio* and running from thence upward along the South side of the said River to *Kittanning* which is above *Fort Pitt*, from thence by a direct line to the nearest fork of the West Branch of *Susquehannah*, thence thro' the *Alleghany* Mountains along the South side of the said West Branch till it comes opposite to the Mouth of a Creek call'd *Tiadgton*, thence across the West Branch and along the South Side of that Creek and along the North Side of *Burnetts Hills* to a creek called *Awandre*, thence down the same to the East Branch of *Susquehannah*, and across the same, and up to the Eastside of that River to *Oswego* from thence East to *Delaware* River, and up that River to opposite where *Tianaderha* falls into *Susquehannah*, thence to *Tianaderha* and up the West side thereof, and the West side of its West Branch to the head thereof, and thence by a direct line to *Canada* Creek where it emptys into the *Wood* Creek at the West end of the carrying place beyond *Fort Stanwix*, and extended Eastward from every part of the said line as far as the lands formally purchased







purchased, so as to comprehend the whole of the lands between the said Line and the purchase lands or Settlements, except what is within the province of *Pennsylvania*, together with the hereditaments and appurtenances to the same belonging or appertaining, in the fullest and most ample manner, and all the Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Property, Possession, Benefit, Claim, and Demand, either in Law or Equity of each and every of us, in or to the same in any part thereof To have and to hold the whole Lands and Premises hereby granted, bargained, sold, released, and confirmed as aforesaid with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging under the reservations made in the Treaty, unto our said Sovereign, Lord King *George* the Third his heirs and successors, to and for his and their own proper use and behoof for ever. In witness whereof we the Chiefs of the Confederacy have hereunto set our Marks and Seals at Fort *Stanwix* the 5<sup>th</sup> day of *November* 1768 in the ninth year of his Majesty's Reign.

Signed, sealed and delivered

in presence of

*William Franklin*, Gov<sup>r</sup> *N. Jersey*.

*Frederick Smith*, Chief Justice of  
*N. Jersey*

*Thomas Walker*, Com<sup>rs</sup> from *Virginia*

*Richard Peters* } of the Council

*James Tilghman* } of *Pennsylv.*

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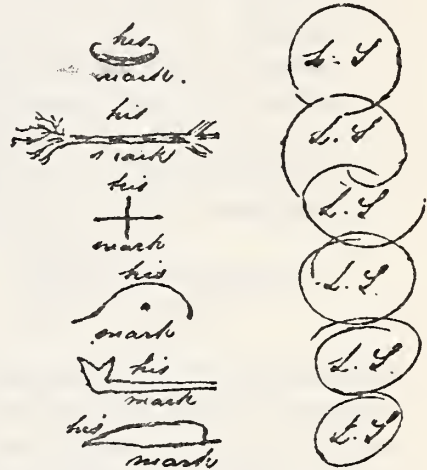
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*Thomas Walker* and *Andrew Lewis* appointed to represent *Virginia* at the *Fort Stanwix* treaty, writing to Governor *Botetourt* under date of *December* 14<sup>th</sup>, 1768, set forth in detail an account of their journey. In this letter it is stated that the time appointed for holding a congress of the *Cherokees* being so near at hand, it was determined that one of the Commissioners should proceed at once to *Chiswell's Mines*, and the other continue his journey to *Fort Stanwix*. This was done as the records indicate; *Walker* being the only Commissioner attending the *Fort Stanwix* meeting:

*Williamsburg*,<sup>1</sup> *Dec.* 14<sup>th</sup>, 1768.

*Right Honourable Sir:*

*In obedience to Commissions and Instructions by us received from the Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Blair Esq<sup>r</sup> President of Virginia, we begin our Journey to Shamokin on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July. When we got there and found that there was no provision making for a Congress with the Ind<sup>ns</sup> and that no person in that part of Pennsylvania had heard that any such thing was intended, we sent an express to Sir William Johnson His Maj<sup>ty</sup>'s Superintendent of Indian affairs in the Northern Departm<sup>t</sup> and continued on the frontiers of Pennsylvania in suspense until the 18<sup>th</sup> of August in the evening, when we received a letter from M<sup>r</sup> Alexander M<sup>c</sup>Kee one of Sir W<sup>m</sup> Johnson's Deputy's informing us that a Congress was to be opened at Fort Stanwix on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September, and that we must repair to Johnson Hall, where we should receive further information, which we did with all possible dispatch. On our getting to Johnson Hall which was on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August, Sir William told us, that the Indians would be assembled by the 20<sup>th</sup> of September, whereupon we waited at a dirty Tavern near the Hall till the 14<sup>th</sup> from thence proceeded to Fort Stanwix where we arrived on the 17<sup>th</sup> and waited for the Indians till the 12<sup>th</sup> of October. The time appointed for holding a Congress with the Cherokees being then so near as the 25<sup>th</sup> of Oct<sup>r</sup> and the distance from Fort Stanwix about nine hundred miles, it was thought expedient by Sir William Johnson and both of us, that one of us sh<sup>d</sup> continue at Fort Stanwix and the other attend*



attend at Chiswell's mines; in consequence whereof one of us immediately sett off for that quarter. The Indians were not convened so as to proceed to business until the 23<sup>d</sup> of October and on the 24<sup>th</sup> the Congress was opened, in which after much debate and many difficultys, the Six United Nations of Indians on the 5<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> executed a Deed of Cession to His Maj<sup>ty</sup> for a large Tract of Country lying west of Virginia, Pennsylvania and N. York, the bounds of which will more fully appear by the map and Deed herewith delivered.

Sir William Johnson for the better satisfaction of your Excell<sup>cy</sup>, was applied to for permission to take a copy of the Minutes during the Congress, which he refused alleging that the Ministry had ordered that no minutes taken by him should be made public, until they had first had copys, but that he would give us certijfied copys of all that was needjul for us. As we expected some of those minutes might be absolutely necessary for explaining the execution of our office and that Sir William might not have leisure to copy them, the person appointed to Act as Clerk to us attended constantly at the Council House and while the Council sat, took minutes which are as near the truth as we could come. After the business was nearly concluded, Sir William was applied to, for the copys promised or a letter, both of which he promised, but at length found himself so hurried and fatigued that neither could be had. On parting with him, he promised to write and send all such copys as he thought necessary, and till he does that, we can only give your Lord<sup>sh</sup> a copy of the proceedings procured as above mentioned. We are your Lord<sup>sh</sup>'s most obedient and very humble servants.

THOMAS WALKER.  
AND<sup>m</sup> LEWIS.

Upon receipt of this report Governor Botetourt immediately issued instructions to Col. Lewis and Dr Walker, to proceed with all haste to the Southern District, representing to them the "necessity of a fresh plan of operation with respect to the boundary to be fixed between the *Cherokee Indians* and His Majesty's Colony of *Virginia*." The duty of the Commissioners, as outlined in the following series of instructions, was to convince Mr Stuart that the line from *Chiswell's Mines* to the mouth of the *Great Kanhaway*, would contract the limits of the Colony of *Virginia*, and be discouraging to those who had settled to the Westward of the proposed boundary. It was further stated that *Virginia* had not been consulted as to the line established by the treaty signed at *Hard Labour*, and that *Cherokees* had no just title to the tract of "land lying between the supposed line and the mouth of the *Cherokee River*." Reference is also made to the *Fort Stanwix*, cession in which the *Cherokees* maintained that their line extended as far South as the *Cherokee River*:

Williamsburg, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 1768.

Gentlemen:

As it has been the opinion of His Majesty's Council upon reading and considering the papers you have laid before them relative to the Treaty lately held with the six Nations at Fort Stanwix, that you should immediately proceed to Mr Stuart Superintendent of the Southern District to acquaint him with the result thereof, and to represent to him the necessity of a fresh plan of operation with respect to the Boundary to be fixed between the *Cherokee Indians* and His Majesty's Colony of *Virginia*; it has been thought proper that I should give some orders and Instructions for the regulation of your conduct in this important affair.

You will consider that the principal object of your journey is to convince Mr Stuart that the Line he proposes to run from *Chiswell's Mine* to the mouth of the *Great Kanhaway*, will so much contract the limits of this Colony, as to make it extremely prejudicial to His Majesty's Service, as well as injurious to the people who had been encouraged to settle to the westward of this proposed Boundary. You will observe to him that it appears from one Sir William Johnson's letters to Mr President Blair, dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April last, that he Sir William had orders







to consult the Governors upon such points as might affect their several Provinces, and it is presumable that M<sup>r</sup> Stuart's orders were agreeable to Sir William's, tho' no consultation with the Governor of this Colony hath been had upon this subject, not any opportunity allow'd to Virginia to shew their strong objections to this very limited Boundary. If Virginia had been consulted upon this Line there wou'd have been an opportunity of shewing that the Cherokees have no just title to the Lands between the supposed Line and the Mouth of the Cherokee River, which in fact were claimed and have been sold to His Majesty by the Northern Nations at the late Treaty at Fort Stanwix. You will observe that what I and the Council have chiefly in view from this Negotiation with M<sup>r</sup> Stuart is, to get the period of meeting the Cherokees upon this business, still further protracted so that we may have time fully to state this whole matter to His Majesty and His Ministers, in order to get the Boundary extended to the Cherokee River.

Shou'd M<sup>r</sup> Stuart object that he is not furnished with money as William Johnson was, you may assure him that it is a part of my plan to implore his Majesty's ministers to endeavor to assist us in that same manner, and that I am not without hopes of success.

You are likewise to acquaint M<sup>r</sup> Stuart that in consequence of the promise by this Government of 4500 lbs. of dressed deer skins in goods intended as compensation for those Cherokees who lost their lives in Augusta County, those goods were actually purchased and sent off to be delivered to them at the Congress appointed to be held at Chilwell's Mines in November last; but that as upon examination several of them are found to be much damaged and impaired in their value, you are to accept of M<sup>r</sup> Cameron's proposal signified to M<sup>r</sup> President Blair in his letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> of June, and are to have the proper goods to that amount bought of the gentleman who has offered to deliver them at Tequch, at an advance which M<sup>r</sup> Cameron thought reasonable.

You are at the same time to procure a sufficient quantity of Wampum for Belts &c. to be given to the Indians. As I know you to be perfectly acquainted with the business you are going upon, will trouble you with no further Instructions, but refer to your judgment and discretion to do the best as the occasion shall offer. I have not the least doubt but that you will give me the earliest intelligence of your success during the course of this very material transaction. Have the honor to be, Gentlemen

Your very obedient, Humble Servant  
BOTETOURT.

The same day in which the instructions were issued, Lord Botetourt wrote to John Stuart informing him that Commissioners Lewis and Walker, had reported to him that a certain section of the land acquired by the treaty of Hard Labour was owned by the Six Great Nations, and that the said Commissioners had been directed to confer with him personally upon the subject:

Williamsburg<sup>r</sup>, Dec. 20th, 1768.

Sir:

Our commissioners Colonel Lewis and D<sup>r</sup> Walker having informed me, that the line you have marked out in your several letters as a boundary betwixt the Cherokees and Virginia will determine a large Tract of land to be their property, which Sir William Johnson has purchased of the Northern Indians at the late Treaty at Fort Stanwix; I have by advice of the Council directed those gentlemen personally to confer with you upon that subject, that you may if possible agree together upon a fresh plan which may satisfy the Indians and observe to this Colony the lands lately purchased as well as those which were settled before the late war in consequence of encouragement from His late Majesty. I am likewise to inform you that upon a report from Colonel Archibald Cary, that the goods intended as a compensation for the murder'd Indians are much damaged, it is agreed



agreed to part with them for what we can get, to desire you and M<sup>r</sup> Cameron to purchase others to the value of 4500 pounds of dress'd Deerskins, to dispose of them as you shall think best in behalf of this Colony as a satisfaction for the loss of their friends and to say how and where you will be paid.

I heartily pray that success may attend our joint endeavours, and that we may be able to establish such a boundary, as may be for the interest of all honest men to preserve, but be that as it may, we shall at least have the satisfaction of having exerted our utmost in the cause of our Royal Master and his happy people. I have the honor to be Sir,

Your very obedient humble servant,  
BOTETOURT.

Replying to this letter from *Charles Town, S. C.*, under date of *January 19<sup>th</sup>, 1769*, *John Stuart* states that his ideas concerning the boundary fixed by the treaty at *Hard Labour*, were communicated to Lieutenant-Governor *Fauquier* on various occasions during the years 1766 and 1767. He further states that Governor *Fauquier* refrained from giving him an explicit answer in the matter, but that he could see from the nature of his replies that he was somewhat averse to the measure. As a further evidence of his honest intentions in effecting the treaty, he states that no objections on the part of *Virginia* had been made, and calls attention to *Hillsborough's* letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> of *April* which authorized him to ratify and confirm the boundary as pointed out in the report of the Lords Commissioners of Trade:

*Charles Town, 1<sup>st</sup> January 19<sup>th</sup> 1769.*

My Lord:

On the 11<sup>th</sup> current I was honored with your Excell<sup>ty's</sup> letter by Col. Lewis and Dr Walker, with whom I have fully conferred on your Lord<sup>sh'p's</sup> proposal of agreeing upon a fresh plan for a New Boundary line behind your Prov<sup>ce</sup>.

In consequence of orders from His Maj<sup>ty</sup>, I entered upon a Negotiation with the Cherokee Indians in the year 1765 for ascertaining a Boundary line dividing what lands they proposed Ceding to His Maj<sup>ty</sup> in the different provinces within this District, from what they reserved for hunting ground; my ideas upon that subject I fully communicated to Lieu<sup>t</sup> Gov. *Fauquier* in my letters of 10<sup>th</sup> Febr<sup>y</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> November and 17<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1766, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March and 21<sup>st</sup> July 1767, in which I sent him copies of the Messages to me from the Cherokees, pointing out their claims and the courses of the proposed line, and desiring to be informed of his sentiments and how far the boundary proposed by the Indians was agreeable to him and his Council, but that Gentleman, never favoured me with any explicit answer, but in general signified an aversion to the measure.

It was my duty to represent to His Maj<sup>ty's</sup> Ministers the discontent of the Indian Tribes on account of settlements made on their lands without any cession being obtained from them, at the same time I submitted the steps I had taken and the expectations and proposals of the different Indians, and His Maj<sup>ty's</sup> orders thereupon were signified to the respective Governors by the Earl of Shelburne's circular letter, of the 13<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1766, and by his Lord<sup>sh'p's</sup> letters to me of said date, and the 11<sup>th</sup> December 1768, I was directed to proceed to the ascertaining a Boundary line without loss of Time in concert with the Gov<sup>ts</sup> of the different provinces; notwithstanding which the Province of Virginia never would cooperate with me; or signify, whether or not they approved of the proposed Boundary line, which difficulty I represented in different letters to his Maj<sup>ty's</sup> Ministers.

In April last, I received M<sup>r</sup> President Blair's letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> March, covering copies of a Report of the Lords of Trade concerning the boundary lines in both districts, and of the Earl of Shelburne's letter to M<sup>r</sup> *Fauquier* of 14<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1767 pointing out the course of the line and signifying His Maj<sup>ty's</sup> orders that it should be completed: Your Lord<sup>sh'p</sup> will please to observe, that although I clearly pointed

out







out the course of the proposed line in my letters of M<sup>r</sup> Blair of 4<sup>th</sup> April 7<sup>th</sup> July and 19<sup>th</sup> August last, no objections was ever made to it on the part of your Province:

In July last, I had the honor of receiving the Earl of Hillsborough's letter of 15<sup>th</sup> April, covering the Lords Commiss<sup>rs</sup>'s of Trades Report of 7<sup>th</sup> March, signifying His Maj<sup>ty</sup>'s Commands to ratify and confirm the Boundary line as pointed out in said Report, expressed in the following words: viz<sup>t</sup> that the line described by the Board of Trade shall be ratified and confirmed in every part, and the Colonies required to enact the most effectual laws for preventing all settlements beyond said line.

As your Lord<sup>sh</sup> has a copy of said Report it is unnecessary of me to quote the line pointed out in it, it became my duty to pay implicit obedience to His Maj<sup>ty</sup>'s orders in ratifying and confirming the same without variation, which I accordingly did the 14<sup>th</sup> of October last by a Solemn Treaty signed by all the Chiefs of the Cherokee Nation, a copy of which I have now the honor of sending you.

By the Earl of Hillsborough's letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> last I am precluded entering into any new Negotiation for Lands with the Cherokee Indians without orders for that purpose.

From what I have said, Your Lord<sup>sh</sup> will see whatever inconveniences may result either to the province of Virginia in particular, or to His Maj<sup>ty</sup>'s Service in general from the Boundary Line as ratified and confirmed by the inclosed Treaty, must be imputed to M<sup>r</sup> Fauquier's disinclination to consult or cooperate with me, to consider the proposed line and make his objections to it in time; after I had received His Maj<sup>ty</sup>'s orders to finish the matter by Treaty, there was no option left in me, or room for advice; where I have a discretionary power, I shall always pay the greatest attention to any opinion or advice that I shall be honoured with by your Lord<sup>sh</sup> and your Council, and I hope it appears, that in conducting the business of the Boundary line I was not deficient in that point with respect to M<sup>r</sup> Fauquier.

I now beg leave to assure your Lord<sup>sh</sup>, that I shall with great cheerfulness resume a Negotiation for a New line when His Maj<sup>ty</sup> shall please to signify his pleasure; in the meantime I shall take the proper steps to facilitate that business with the Indians, and am not without hopes of success. I shall by the very first opportunity submit the matter to the Earl of Hillsborough and shall think myself very happy if I can be instrumental in getting such a line established as may satisfy both parties.

I cannot help observing to your Lord<sup>sh</sup> that Sir William Johnson's having suffered the claims of the Northern Nations to extend to the mouth of the Cherokee River and up to its source seems directly contrary to the sense of Govern<sup>t</sup> and may possibly produce the effects, which Administration seemed solicitous to obviate.

I have already submitted to your Lord<sup>sh</sup>, in my letter of 7<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> my sentiments on the subject of the presents intended by your province as a compensation to the Cherokee, to which I must beg leave to refer you. I have the honour of being with the utmost respect

My Lord, Your Excellency's most obedient and most humble servant.

JOHN STUART.

On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1769, the final report concerning the territory in question was received by Governor Botetourt from the Commissioners, Col. Lewis and Dr Walker. In this report it is set out that the Commissioners had visited Fort Johnson on January 8<sup>th</sup>, and that Governor Tryon had requested various Indian Chiefs to meet him at that point. On the 13<sup>th</sup> of the same month the Indians accepting invitation of Governor Tryon immediately assembled and discussed the question of the new boundary. They admitted that a number of settlers as the result of the treaty, were now within the bounds of their country, and expressed a willingness to agree upon a new boundary. The Commissioners





miffioners further ftated that it would be to the interefts of the crown and the inhabitants of Virginia to eftablifh a boundary line with the *Cherokee* in 36 Degrees and 30 Minutes North Latitude, which boundary had already been marked by proper authority as far as *Steep Rock Creek*, a branch of the *Cherokee River*:

Williamfburg, Feb. 2, 1769,

My Lord,

On receiving your Excellency's Inftitutions, we began our journey to Charles Town in South Carolina: on the fifth day of January we waited on his Excellency William Tryon, Efqr at Brunfwick, by whom we were kindly received and promifed all of the affiftance in his power; on the next day we went to Fort Johnson near the mouth of Cape Fear, on the 8<sup>th</sup> Governor Tryon wrote us that fome Cherokee Indians were at Brunfwick, Judds Friend and Salue or the young Warrior of Eftatoe were two of them, and that they would that day be at Fort Johnson. His Excellency was kind enough to come with them. On their arrival we informed them that we were going to their father John Stuart Efqr on bufinefs relative to the intereft of their nation, and fhould be glad of their Company, and they readily agreed to go with us. On the 9<sup>th</sup> the vefsell we had engaged was ready to fail and we embarked with the two Cherokee Chiefs, two Squas and an Interpreter. On the eleventh we waited on M<sup>r</sup> Stuart, delivered'd your Lordfhip's letter and fully informed him of our bufinefs. In answer M<sup>r</sup> Stuart told us that the Boundary between the Cherokees and Virginia was fully fettled and ratified in Great Britain, and that any propofal of that kind would be very alarming to them; but after fome time agreed we might mention it to them; which we did on the thirteenth of January. The Indian Chiefs appeared much pleafed and agreed to wait on M<sup>r</sup> Stuart with us, and in his prefence Judds Friend fpoke as follows:

"Father, on an invitation from Governor Tryon we left our country fome time fince, as foon as he faw us he told us of thofe our two elder Brothers Col. Lewis and D<sup>r</sup> Walker from Virginia, who had matters of importance to mention to us that equally concerned our people as well as theirs. This news gave us great joy, and we loft no time in waiting on them and with great pleafure took a paffage with them in order to wait on you, on the bufinefs which fo much concern'd as well as their People, and to convince you that we liked their talk we now take them by the hand, giving them a hearty welcome and prefent them with this ftring of Wampum."

"Father, they tell us that by running the Line lately mentioned as a Boundary between our people and Virginia a great number of their people would fall within the bounds of our Country, which would greatly diftrefs thofe our poor brothers; which is far from our intention; and to convince you that we are on all occafions willing to testify our brotherly affection towards them, we are heartily willing to join in fuch negotiations as may be thought neceffary and moft expedient for fixing a new boundary that may include all thofe people fettled on our lands in the bounds of Virginia, and we now give them, in the prefence of you our Father a ftring of Wampum, as an affurance thofe people fhall remain in peaceable poffeffion of thofe lands until a Treaty is held for fixing a new boundary between them and our people."

Gives a ftring of Wampum.

We then delivered the following Talk to the Warriors to be by them communicated to their Nation.

#### TO THE CHIEFS OF THE CHEROKEES.

"Brothers,

On the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December laft being in Williamfburg we received inftitutions from Lord Botetourt our Governor, a great and good man, whom the Great King George has fent to prefide over his Colony of Virginia; direfting us to wait on your father John Stuart Efqr Superintendent of Indian Affairs, in order





order to have a plan agreed on for fixing a new Boundary between your people and his Majesty's Subjects in the Colony of Virginia. On our way to this place, to our great joy we met with our good Brother Judds Friend and the Warrior of Estatoe, who with great readiness took a passage with us from Governor Tryon's to this place, where we had the happiness of waiting on your father M<sup>r</sup> Stuart and with joint application represented to him the necessity of taking such measures as may effectually prevent any misunderstandings that might arise between his Majesty's subjects of the Colony of Virginia and our Brothers the Cherokees, until a full Treaty be opened and held for the fixing a new Boundary that may give equal justice and satisfaction to the parties concerned, and that His Majesty's subjects now settled on the lands between Chifwell's Mines and the Great Island of Holston River remain in peaceable possession of said lands until a line is run between them and our good brothers the Cherokees who will receive full satisfaction for such lands as your brothers shall convey to our great King for the use of his subjects. Your Father M<sup>r</sup> Stuart's message to you on this head makes it needless for us to say any more on the subject. He will let you at a proper time, know both the time and place where this great work shall be brought into execution. We have the pleasure to inform you that your two great Warriors now present, have heartily concurred with us in every measure, and make no doubt of such measures giving great satisfaction to the whole Nation."

Gave a string of Wampum.

Jany. 16<sup>th</sup>.

In answer to which Judds Friend and the Warrior of Estatoe spoke as follows:

#### "FATHER AND OUR BROTHERS FROM VIRGINIA

"We have heard your Talks which we think very good and shall with all convenient speed return to our Nation, and when our Chiefs are assembled shall lay your talks before them.

"Brothers we are sorry to have it to say that for some time bad blood and evil actions prevailed amongst us, which occasioned a stroke from our elder Brothers but now I have the satisfaction of telling you that our hearts are good and strait, and you may depend on their continuing so, and that you may depend the more on what we say, we take off those black beads from the end of this string that nothing may remain but what is pure and white. We now put the black beads in your hands, which we call the remains of our evil thoughts and desire you may now cast them away that they may never be had in remembrance more.

"Brothers we shall with great pleasure comply with the request that you have made with regard to the Lands you have mentioned and shall wait with impatience for a general meeting, that we may have opportunity of convincing our elder Brothers of our friendly disposition towards them by giving up those lands, as they may be of real use to them; for to us it is but little or none as we never hunt there, the deer do not live in them mountains, and you in the meantime may depend that your people shall enjoy peaceable possession until we make a title to the Great King.

Brothers, we hope the measures now taken will be productive of many advantages to our people as well as yours, who by living so much nearer to us will have it in their power to supply us with goods, for we are often imposed on greatly as we have no trade at present, but from this Province, and we hope you our Brothers will signify to your Governor, who we believe to be that great and good man you mention, our great desire to have a trade with Virginia; that after this business is happily finished which we make no doubt of on the part of our Nations we may enjoy a friendly intercourse and an advantageous trade with our Brothers the Inhabitants of Virginia.

"Brothers, we have often joined you in war against your enemies and you may always depend on our assistance on any future occasion.

Gives



*Gives a string of Wampum.*

*After we had given M<sup>r</sup> Stuart our reasons for thinking it absolutely necessary that a new boundary should be agreed on, he desired us to commit those reasons in writing and sign them which we did in the following words:*

*Sir,*

*His Excellency the Right Honorable Norborne de Lord Botetourt, Governor in Chief of the Colony of Virginia and the Kings Council of that Dominion having ordered us to wait on you and assist in settling a Boundary between that Colony and the Cherokee Indians. We beg leave to inform you that the Line proposed to be marked from Chifwell's Mines to the confluence of the Great Kanhawa with the Ohio, would be a great disadvantage to the Crown of Great Britain and would injure many subjects of Britain that now inhabit that part of the Frontier and have in making that settlement comply'd with every known rule of Government and the Laws of that Colony.*

*Lands were first granted on the waters of the Mississippi by Sir William Gooch, Governor of Virginia and the Council about the year 1766, in consequence of instructions from England, and many familys settled on the lands so granted. In the year 1752 the Legislature of Virginia passed an act entitled "An Act to encourage the settlers on the Waters of the Mississippi;" by that act they were exempted from the payment of taxes for ten years. To this Act his late Majesty of glorious memory gave his assent.*

*The next year another act was passed by which five years indulgence was added, and in that or the succeeding year Robert Dinwiddie Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor of Virginia at that time received instructions from King George the Second to grant lands on those Waters exempt from the payment of the usual right money, and free from Quit rents, for ten years.*

*Under those encouragements was that part of the Colony settled, whilst the inhabitants were settling on those lands, the Cherokee Indians were frequently at their habitations, and never that we or either of us ever heard made the least complaint of our settling, or laid any claim to the Lands we settled, until November 1763 after the King's proclamation issued in that year.*

*The Six United Nations did claim the lands that were settled on the branches of the Rivers Kanhawa and Mangahaly, and were paid a proper consideration for them at Lancaster in 1744 when they executed a deed of Cession to his late Majesty.*

*We flatter ourselves that the above is sufficient to convince you of the justice and legality of making those settlements.*

*The Boundary line that has been proposed would include many of the inhabitants before mentioned within the limits of the Cherokee hunting grounds. For all such lands and improvements the justice of the Crown would be a sufficient inducement to make some satisfaction to the owners, which would be an expence to the Crown, and Injure the Inhabitants much, and totally ruin many of them; and the evil would be increased by the loss of the Quit rents annually paid for those lands, and would also give the Cherokees a large tract of Country that was never claimed by them, and now is the property of the Crown, as Sir William Johnson actually purchased it of the Six United Nations of Indians, at a very considerable expence and took a deed of Cession from them at Fort Stanwix near the head of the Mohocks River on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November last.*

*The interests of the Crown and Inhabitants of Virginia would be most served by fixing the Boundary with the Cherokees in 3 Degrees 30 Minutes North Latitude, that Boundary being already marked by proper authority as far as Steep Rock Creek, a branch of the Cherokee river and is the proper division between Lord Granville's Proprietary and the Dominion of Virginia, and includes but a small part of the Lands now claimed by the Cherokees, they having often disclaimed the*  
lands







lands lying between the Ohio and a Ridge of Mountains called Steep Ridge that divides the waters of Cumberland river from those of the Cherokee River.

This boundary will give room to extend our settlements for ten or twelve years, will raise a considerable sum by the rights, much increase the Quit rents, and enable the inhabitants of Virginia to live without manufacturing such materials as they raise.

AND<sup>W</sup> LEWIS.

THOS. WALKER.

This boundary line was finally agreed upon at a treaty signed at *Lochabar, S. C.* on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October, 1770. The boundary fixed at this time commenced on the South bank of *Holston River*, six miles East of *Long Island* in said river, and ran thence to the mouth of the Great *Kanhawa*. An account of this treaty is set forth in detail in the preface to "*Journals of the House of Burgeffes 1770-1772.*"

The first session of 1769 opened with great promise, but after a short session of ten days was dissolved by Governor *Fauquier*. From the tenor of the Governor's address at the opening of the session, and from the reply of the Burgeffes there was every indication of perfect harmony, but this proved of short duration. On the first day of the meeting the *Speaker* acquainted the House of the receipt of a number of letters from the various Colonies concerning sundry acts of the *British* Parliament. These letters were ordered to lie upon the table to be perused by the various members of the House, also such other communications as had been received by the Committee of correspondence from 1761 to 1766. The presence of this correspondence rekindled the spirit which abounded in the Colony at the time of the Resolutions against the Stamp, Act, and created an unrest which became apparent in the passage of a set of Resolves on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May, 1769.

*Massachusetts* had passed on Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>, 1767, a resolution in the form of an address to the Ministry and a petition to the King, which clearly presented the rights of the Colonies. *William Wirt Henry* speaking of this crisis states that the raising of this question was indeed a critical moment, and "had *Massachusetts* been deserted, even the steady hand of *Samuel Adams* might not have been able to keep her in her course, for a desertion by *Virginia* would have caused most certainly a desertion by the other Colonies, which looked for the action of *Virginia* with the greatest anxiety." A desertion of *Massachusetts*, therefore, meant much to the Colonies in general, and since *Virginia* held the balance of power her action was of the highest importance at that time. The Acts of Parliament not only upheld *Great Britain's* right to impose taxes upon any Colony, but they were also direct attacks upon the jury system and property rights. Recognizing this crisis the Burgeffes did not hesitate for a moment to voice the will of the people, which they considered not only a duty but a privilege. On the 16<sup>th</sup> of May the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole and the following resolutions were adopted without delay:

"Resolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, That the sole right of imposing taxes on the inhabitants of his Majesty's Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, is now, and ever hath been, legally and constitutionally vested in the House of Burgeffes, lawfully convened according to the antient and established Practice, with the Consent of the Council, and of his Majesty's, the King of *Great Britain*, or his Governor for the Time being.

Resolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, That it is the undoubted Privilege of the Inhabitants of this Colony, to petition their Sovereign for Redress of Grievances; and that it is lawful and expedient to procure the Concurrence of his Majesty's other Colonies, in dutiful Addresses, praying the Royal Interposition in Favour of the violated Rights of *America*.

Resolved, *Nemine Contradicente*, That all Trials for Treason, Misprision of Treason, or for any Felony or Crime whatsoever, committed and done in this his Majesty's said Colony and Dominion, by any Person or Persons residing therein



therein, ought of Right to be had, and conducted in and before his Majesty's Courts, held within the said Colony, according to the fixed and known Course of Proceeding; and that the seizing any Person or Persons residing in this Colony, suspected of any Crime whatsoever, committed therein, and sending such Person or Persons to Places beyond the Sea to be tried, is highly derogatory of the Rights of *British* Subjects: as thereby the inestimable Privilege of being tried by a Jury from the Vicinage, as well as the Liberty of summoning and producing Witnesses on such Trial, will be taken away from the Party accused.

*Resolved, Nemine Contradicente*, That an humble, dutiful, and loyal Address, be presented to his Majesty, to assure him of our inviolable Attachment to his sacred Person and Government: and to beseech his Royal Interposition, as the Father of all his People, however remote from the Seat of his Empire, to quiet the minds of his loyal Subjects of this Colony, and to avert from them those Dangers and Miseries which will ensue, from the seizing and carrying beyond Sea any Person residing in *America*, suspected of any Crime whatsoever, to be tried in any other Manner than by the antient and long established Course of Proceeding.

At the time of the passage of these Resolutions it was also ordered that the Speaker transmit copies to the various Colonies, and that the address of the Lords and Commons to the King be printed in the *Virginia Gazette*. This order was carried into effect immediately by the Committee of Correspondence; a Committee being appointed at the same time to report upon the address to the King. The Governor in the meantime having heard of the Resolves, assembled the Burgesses on the following day in the Council Chamber, where he acquainted them of the displeasure occasioned by their act, and maintained that it was his duty to dissolve them. The Assembly was, therefore, accordingly dissolved at 12 o'clock, noon, on *Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of May 1769*.

"The late Representatives of the people" then judging it necessary that some action should be taken to relieve their "distressed situation, and for preserving the true and essential interests of the Colony, resolved upon a meeting" and at once repaired to the house of Mr *Anthony Hay*, when it was proposed that such matters as demanded attention might be considered. This body according to adjournment, met next day and continued its session. The minutes<sup>1</sup> of both meetings, not being included in the regular Journals of the House of Burgesses, were ordered by the Burgesses to be printed, including the Resolves adopted by them on the 18<sup>th</sup> inst.

## Williamsburg

*Wednesday. the 17th May. 1769.*

"About 12 o'Clock his Excellency the Governor was pleased, by his Messenger, to command the Attendance of the House of Burgesses in the Council Chamber, whereupon, in Obedience to his Lordship's Command, the House, with their Speaker, immediately waited upon his Excellency, when he thought fit to dissolve the General Assembly.

The late Representatives of the People then judging it necessary that some Measures should be taken in their distressed Situation, for preserving the true and essential Interests of the Colony, resolved upon a Meeting for that very salutary Purpose, and therefore, immediately, with the greatest Order and Decorum, repaired to the House of Mr *Anthony Hay* in this City, where being assembled, it was first proposed, for the more decent and regular Discussion of such Matters as might be taken into Consideration, that a Moderator should be appointed, and, on the Question being put, *Peyton Randolph*, Esq; late Speaker of the House of Burgesses, was unanimously elected.

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The true State of the Colony being then opened and fully explained, and it being proposed that a regular Association should be formed, a Committee was appointed to prepare the necessary and most proper Regulations for that Purpose, and they were ordered to make their Report to the General Meeting the next Day at 10 o'Clock.

#### Thursday, May 18.

At a farther Meeting, according to Adjournment, the Committee appointed Yesterday, made their Report, which being read, seriously considered and approved, was signed by a great Number of the principal Gentlemen of the Colony then present, and is as follows:

We his Majesty's most dutiful Subjects, the late Representatives of all the Freeholders of the Colony of *Virginia*, avowing our inviolable and unshaken Fidelity and Loyalty to our most gracious Sovereign, our Affection for all our Fellow Subjects of *Great Britain* protesting against every Act or Thing, which may have the most distant Tendency to interrupt, or in any wise disturb his Majesty's Peace, and the good Order of his Government in this Colony, which we are resolved, at the Risk of our Lives and Fortune, to maintain and defend; but at the same Time, being deeply affected with the Grievances and Distresses, with which his Majesty's *American* Subjects are oppressed, and dreading the Evils which threaten the ruin of ourselves and our Prosperity, by reducing us from a free and happy People to a wretched and miserable State of Slavery; and having taken into our most serious Consideration the present State of the Trade of this Colony, and of the *American* Commerce in general, observe with Anxiety, that the Debt due to *Great Britain* for Goods imported from thence is very great, and that the Means of paying this Debt, in the present Situation of Affairs, are likely to become more and more precarious; that the Difficulties, under which we now labour, are owing to the Restrictions, Prohibitions, and ill advised Regulations in several late Acts of Parliament of *Great Britain*, in particular, that the late unconstitutional Act, imposing Duties on Tea, Paper, Glass, &c. for the sole Purpose of raising a Revenue in *America*, is injurious to Property, and destructive to Liberty, hath a necessary Tendency to prevent the Payment of the Debt due from this Colony to *Great Britain*, and is, of Consequence, ruinous to Trade; that, notwithstanding the many earnest Applications already made, there is little Reason to expect a Redress of those Grievances: Therefore, in Justice to ourselves and our Posterity, as well as to the Traders of *Great Britain* concerned in the *American* Commerce, we, the Subscribers, have voluntarily and unanimously entered into the following Resolutions, in Hopes that our Example will induce the good People of this Colony to be frugal in the Use and Consumption of *British* Manufactures, and that the Merchants and Manufacturers of *Great Britain* may, from Motives of Interest, Friendship and Justice, be engaged to exert themselves to obtain for us a Redress of those Grievances, under which the Trade and Inhabitants of *America* at present labour: We do therefore most earnestly recommend this our Association to the serious inhabitants of this Colony, in Hopes, that they will very readily and cordially accede thereto.

*First*, It is UNANIMOUSLY agreed on and resolved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1769, that the Subscribers, as well by their own Example, as all other legal Ways and Means in their Power, will promote and encourage Industry and Frugality, and discourage all Manner of Luxury and Extravagance.

*Secondly*



*Secondly*, That they will not at any Time hereafter, directly or indirectly import, or cause to be imported, any Manner of Goods, Merchandise, or Manufactures, which are, or shall thereafter be taxed by Act of Parliament, for the Purpose of raising a Revenue in *America* (except Paper, not exceeding Eight Shillings Sterling per reem, and except such Articles only, as Orders have been already sent for) nor purchase any such after the First Day of *September* next, or any Person whatsoever, but that they will always consider such Taxation, in every Respect, as an absolute Prohibition, and in all future Orders, direct their Correspondents to ship them no Goods whatever, taxed as aforesaid, except as is above excepted.

*Thirdly*, That the subscribers will not hereafter, directly or indirectly, import or cause to be imported from *Great Britain* or any part of *Europe* (except such Articles of the Produce of Manufacture of *Ireland* as may be immediately and legally brought from thence, and except also all such Goods as Orders have been already sent for) any of the Goods hereinafter enumerated, viz. Spirits, Wine, Cyder, Perry, Beer, Ale, Malt, Barley, Pease, Beef, Pork, Fish, Butter, Cheese, Tallow Candles, Oil, Fruit, Sugar, Pickles, Confectionary, Pewter, Hoes, Axes, Watches, Clocks, Tables, Chairs, Looking Glasses, Carriages, Joiner's and Cabinet Work, all Sorts, Upholstery of all Sorts, Trinkets and Jewelry, Plate and Gold, and Silversmith's Work of all Sorts, Ribbon and Millinery of all Sorts, Lace of all Sorts, India Goods of all Sorts, except Spices, Silks of all Sorts, except Sewing Silk, Cambrick, Lawn, Muffin, Gauze, except Boulting Cloths, Callico or Cotton Stuffs of more than Two Shillings per Yard, Linens of more than Ten Shillings per Yard, Woolens, Worsted Stuffs of all Sorts of more than One Shilling and Six Pence per Yard, Broad Cloths of all Kinds at more than Eight Shillings per Yard, Narrow Cloths of all Kinds at more than Three Shillings per Yard, Hats, Stockings (Plaid and Irish Hosiery excepted) Shoes and Boots, Saddles, and all Manufactures of Leather and Skins of all Kinds, until the late Acts of Parliament imposing duties on Tea, Paper, Glass, &c. for the Purpose of Raising a Revenue in *America* are repealed, and that they will not, after the First of *September* next, purchase any of the above enumerated Goods of any Person whatsoever, unless the above mentioned Acts of Parliament are repealed.

*Fourthly*, That in all Orders, which any of the Subscribers may hereafter send to *Great Britain*, they shall, and will expressly direct their Correspondence not to ship them any of the before enumerated Goods, until the before mentioned Acts of Parliament are repealed: and if any Goods are shipped to them contrary to the Tenor of this Agreement, they will refuse to take the same, or make themselves chargeable therewith.

*Fifthly*, That they will not import any Slaves, or purchase any imported, after the First day of *November* next, until the said Acts of Parliament are repealed.

*Sixthly*, That they will not import any wines of any Kind whatever, or purchase the same from any Person whatever, after the First Day of *September* next, except such Wines as are already ordered, until the Acts of Parliament imposing Duties thereon are repealed.

*Seventhly*, For the better Preservation of the Breed of Sheep, That they will not kill, or suffer to be killed, any Lambs, that shall be weaned before the First Day of *May*, in any Year, nor dispose of such to any Butcher or other Person, whom they have reason to expect, intends to kill the same.

*Eighthly*, and Lastly, That these Resolves shall be binding on all and each of the Subscribers, who do hereby each and every Person for himself, upon his Word and Honour, agree that he will strictly and firmly adhere to  
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and abide by every Article in this Agreement, from the Time of his signing the same, for and during the Continuance of the before mentioned Acts of Parliament, or until a general Meeting of the Subscribers, after one Month's public Notice, shall determine otherwise, the second Article of this Agreement still and forever continuing in full Power and Force.

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| <i>Peyton Randolph,</i>          | <i>Patrick Henry, Jun.</i>          |
| <i>Robert Carter Nicholas,</i>   | <i>Peter Johnson,</i>               |
| <i>Richard Bland,</i>            | <i>Henry Lee,</i>                   |
| <i>Archibald Cary,</i>           | <i>Nathaniel Terry,</i>             |
| <i>Richard Henry Lee,</i>        | <i>Thomas Whiting,</i>              |
| <i>Charles Carter, Lancaster</i> | <i>Thomas Jefferson,</i>            |
| <i>George Washington,</i>        | <i>Thomas Nelson, Jun.</i>          |
| <i>Carter Braxton,</i>           | <i>James Walker,</i>                |
| <i>Severn Eyre,</i>              | <i>John Alexander,</i>              |
| <i>Richard Randolph,</i>         | <i>Champion Travis,</i>             |
| <i>George Ball,</i>              | <i>John Wilson, Augusta,</i>        |
| <i>Thomas Harrison,</i>          | <i>William Clayton,</i>             |
| <i>Thomas Claiborne,</i>         | <i>Robert Munford, Mecklenburg,</i> |
| <i>John Blair, Jun.</i>          | <i>Thomas Bailey,</i>               |
| <i>Thomas Mason,</i>             | <i>Thomas Scott,</i>                |
| <i>Josias Payne, Jun.</i>        | <i>Lewis Burwell,</i>               |
| <i>Burwell Bassett,</i>          | <i>John Harmanfon,</i>              |
| <i>Richard Anderson,</i>         | <i>Thomas Parramore,</i>            |
| <i>James Scott, Jun.</i>         | <i>John Donelson,</i>               |
| <i>John Green,</i>               | <i>Cornelius Thomas,</i>            |
| <i>Wilson Miles Cary,</i>        | <i>Thomas Johnson,</i>              |
| <i>Gabriel Jones,</i>            | <i>John Lewis, Jun.</i>             |
| <i>Willis Riddick,</i>           | <i>William Roane,</i>               |
| <i>Thomas Glascock,</i>          | <i>William Acrill,</i>              |
| <i>John Woodson,</i>             | <i>Hartwell Cocke,</i>              |
| <i>Benjamin Howard,</i>          | <i>Joseph Cabell,</i>               |
| <i>Isaac Read,</i>               | <i>Alexander Trent,</i>             |
| <i>Foushee Tebbs,</i>            | <i>John Mayo,</i>                   |
| <i>Edward Osborne,</i>           | <i>David Mason,</i>                 |
| <i>Francis Peyton,</i>           | <i>William Macon, Jun.</i>          |
| <i>Abraham Hite,</i>             | <i>Hugh Innes,</i>                  |
| <i>James Wood,</i>               | <i>Bolling Starke,</i>              |
| <i>Richard Baker,</i>            | <i>Robert Bolling,</i>              |
| <i>Edwin Gray,</i>               | <i>Paul Carrington,</i>             |
| <i>Robert Munford, Amelia,</i>   | <i>Thomas Walker,</i>               |
| <i>Henry Taylor,</i>             | <i>William Cabell, Jun.</i>         |
| <i>Nathaniel Edwards, Jun.</i>   | <i>John Talbott,</i>                |
| <i>Robert Rutherford,</i>        | <i>Richard Lee,</i>                 |
| <i>Thomas Barbour,</i>           | <i>Joseph Hutchings,</i>            |
| <i>Charles Lynch,</i>            | <i>Edward Hack Moseley, Jun.</i>    |
| <i>James Hamilton,</i>           | <i>John Ackifs,</i>                 |
| <i>David Meade,</i>              | <i>James Bridger,</i>               |
| <i>Southey Simpson,</i>          | <i>Peter Poythrefs,</i>             |
| <i>Philip Ludwell Grymes,</i>    | <i>Charles Carter, King George,</i> |
| <i>Richard Starke,</i>           | <i>Clerk to the Association.</i>    |

The Business being finished, the following TOASTS were drank, and the Gentlemen retired.

The KING,

The QUEEN and ROYAL FAMILY,

His



His Excellency Lord BOTETOURT, and Prosperity to VIRGINIA.

A speedy and lasting Union between *Great Britain* and her Colonies.

The constitutional *British* Liberty in *America*, and all true Patriots, the Supporters thereof.

Duke of RICHMOND.

Earl of SHELBURNE.

Col. BARRE.

The late SPEAKER.

The TREASURER of the Colony.

The FARMER and MONITOR

In compliance with the foregoing Invitation, we do most cordially accede and agree to the Association so laudably proposed: and in Testimony thereof have subscribed our Names: this                      Day of                      1769.

*William Matthis*

*Jas. Lane*

*Tho. Gist*

*Wm. George*

*George Steadon*

*Amos Davis*

*Samuel Tatem*

*N. Ellzey*

*Travers Nash*

*Isaac Davis*

*Daniel Kincheloe*

*John Terry*

*Thos Bird*

*Richard Melton*

*Wm. Stanhope*

*Wm. Walrond*

*Samuel Baker*

*J. Gwatin*

*R<sup>d</sup> Milton*

The second session of 1769 convened on *Tuesday* the 7<sup>th</sup> of *November*, it being the first meeting of the new Assembly. In his opening address upon this occasion, Governor *Botetourt* announced that the King had determined to reconsider the Boundary Line between *Virginia* and the *Cherokees*, which had been agreed upon by the Board of Trade. This decision was contrary to the policy of Lord *Hillsborough*, Secretary of the Colonies, who had attempted to divert immigration and confine the settlement of the Colony to the Tidewater section. The Governor also made known to the Assembly, the determination of the Home Government to refrain from laying taxes upon *America*, and that it was the purpose of Parliament to annul all acts that imposed a duty upon glass, paper and colours. As the result of these assurances a feeling of general satisfaction was created throughout the Colonies, and the Council in reply to the Governor's address, advised the repeal of all existing Parliamentary taxes. Both branches of the Assembly approved the new policy, and expressed the highest regard for the Governor and an appreciation of the cordial relations thus re-established.

Foreign relations being amicably settled, the Burgesses at once took under consideration matters appertaining to the frontier. Many friendly *Indians* had been murdered and arrests had been made, but the accused in each instance were rescued and given their liberty. This situation necessitated the appointment of a committee to examine into the matter, and their report was an affirmation of the treaties then in effect, and a vindication of the laws of the Colony against crimes. They also reported that all treaties with the *Indians* ought to be made by or under the authority of the Government only, and that for any private person or persons to enter into negotiations with them would occasion the most grave and dangerous consequences. This position was subsequently maintained by the State of *Virginia*, against any person attempting to acquire frontier territory by virtue of treaties which were consummated in violation of the laws enacted during the Colonial Period.

The question of the Western Boundary was also discussed at length, but was not finally settled until 1770. This treaty which was signed at *Lochabar, South Carolina*, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of *October*, was a distinct departure from the policy of Lord *Hillsborough*, who

\* In the printed minutes of this meeting space is provided for signatures of subscribers.





who opposed the acquisition of territory, upon the ground that Western settlements would divert trade, and necessitate the establishment of manufacturing industries in the Colony. His efforts however were ineffective, and the Boundary Line as determined by the Committee of Investigation, was to begin at the termination of the *North Carolina* line and run due west to the *Ohio* River. This included a large part of what is now *Kentucky*, and the committee recommended that lands in this section be sold to actual settlers, to the exclusion of persons of monopolistic tendencies. In making this recommendation the object was to encourage immigration, and to defeat the purposes of Land Companies that were exceedingly active at that time. An account of this treaty will be found in the preface of the "Journals of the House of Burgesses 1770-1772."

The strenuous life of the Assembly from the repeal of the Stamp Act to 1770, was not without its ill effects upon the Colony. Legislation of vital importance had been deferred from session to session, and many acts that had expired during that period had a tendency to weaken the administration of the Colony. The period was one of trial and tribulation, both financially and from the position of general colonial progress. Money was exceedingly scarce, and it was not an unusual experience to be unable to secure many necessities of life. Large property holdings were sold at greatly reduced prices, and tenants were compelled to subsist as best they could by prolonged and arduous labor. The period was one of sadness and distress to the masses, and as such marks an era of great discomfort throughout the Colony. Such conditions, however, were creative of good results in so far as the development of the spirit of determination was concerned. This is apparent in the politics of the time, especially during the half dozen years preceding the Revolution.

The personnel of the Burgesses remained practically the same during that period, except in the ranks of those who opposed the Stamp Act resolutions, and it was this body of men that determined *Virginia's* course in the final desperate struggle. The period with its many privations was distinctly important, and the resolutions of the time that expressed so clearly the temperament of the people, are unsurpassed for character, purpose and decision.

JOHN PENDLETON KENNEDY.

*Richmond, November, 1906.*



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| Accomack       | Thomas Parramore<br>Southey Simpson     | Halifax                        | Walter Coles<br>Edward Booker           |
| Albemarle      | Thomas Walker<br>Edward Carter          | Hampshire                      | *†Thomas Rutherford<br>*†James Mercer   |
| Amelia         | Thomas Tabb<br>Robert Munford           | Hanover                        | John Syme<br>Samuel Meredith            |
| Amherft        | William Cabell, Jr.<br>Cornelius Thomas | Henrico                        | *Richard Randolph<br>Bowler Cocke, Jr.  |
| Augufta        | John Wilfon<br>William Prefton          | Ile of Wight                   | Dolphin Drew<br>James Bridger           |
| Bedford        | John Talbot<br>James Callaway           | James City                     | Lewis Burwell<br>Robert Carter Nicholas |
| Brunfwick      | William Thornton<br>Frederick Maclin    | Jameftown<br>King & Queen      | Edward Ambler<br>George Brooke          |
| Buckingham     | Joseph Cabell<br>Samuel Jordan          | King George                    | Richard Tunftall<br>Charles Carter      |
| Caroline       | Edmund Pendleton<br>Walker Taliaferro   | King William                   | William Robinfon<br>Carter Braxton      |
| Charles City   | Benjamin Harrifon<br>William Acrill     | Lancafter                      | Henry Gaines<br>Richard Mitchell        |
| Charlotte      | *Clement Read<br>Paul Carrington        | Loudoun                        | Charles Carter<br>Francis Lightfoot Lee |
| Chefterfield   | Archibald Cary<br>Seth Ward             | Louifa                         | James Hamilton<br>Patrick Henry, Jr.    |
| The College    | John Blair                              | Lunenburg                      | Richard Anderfon<br>William Taylor      |
| Culpeper       | John Field<br>Thomas Slaughte           | Mecklenburg                    | Henry Blagrove<br>Henry Delaney         |
| Cumberland     | John Fleming<br>Alexander Trent         | Middlefex                      | Robert Munford<br>*John Smith           |
| Dinwiddie      | Robert Bolling<br>John Banifter         | Nanfe mond                     | Gawin Corbin<br>Lemuel Riddick          |
| Elizabeth City | George Wythe<br>Wilfon Miles Cary       | New Kent                       | Willis Riddick<br>Burwell Baffett       |
| Effex          | John Lee<br>Francis Waring              | Norfolk                        | William Clayton<br>Thomas Newton, Jr.   |
| Fairfax        | George Wafington<br>John Weft           | Norfolk Borough<br>Northampton | *Robert Tucker, Jr.<br>Joseph Hutchings |
| Fauquier       | Thomas Harrifon<br>Thomas Marfhall      | Northumberland                 | John Harmanfon<br>Severn Eyre           |
| Frederick      | *†Robert Rutherford<br>*†James Wood     | Orange                         | Spencer Ball<br>Thomas Gafkins          |
| Gloucefter     | John Page<br>Thomas Whiting             |                                | James Walker<br>Zachariah Burnley       |
| Goochland      | John Payne<br>John Bolling              |                                |                                         |

\*Not fhown by the Journal to have been prefent during the Affembly.

†Writs for election mifcarried See page 19.



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| Prince Edward  | Peter LeGrand<br>Nathaniel Venable    | Stafford             | John Alexander<br>Thomson Mafon   |
| Prince George  | Richard Bland<br>Alexander Bolling    | Surry                | Hartwell Cocke<br>Thomas Bailey   |
| Princess Anne  | Edward Hack Mofeley<br>Robert Ballard | Suffex               | David Mafon<br>John Edmunds       |
| Prince William | Henry Lee<br>Foufhee Tebbs            | Warwick              | William Harwood<br>William Digges |
| Richmond       | John Woodbridge<br>Landon Carter      | Westmoreland         | Richard Henry Lee<br>Richard Lee  |
| Southampton    | Joseph Gray<br>Benjamin Symmons       | Williamsburg<br>York | Peyton Randolph<br>Dudley Digges  |
| Spotsylvania   | Benjamin Grymes<br>Fielding Lewis     |                      | Thomas Nelson, Jr.                |

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### Changes in the Personnel, 1766.

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| Fairfax        | George Washington succeeded George Johnston |
| Hanover        | Samuel Meredith succeeded James Littlepage  |
| Jamestown      | Edward Ambler succeeded John Ambler         |
| King and Queen | Richard Tunstall succeeded John Robinson    |





By the Honourable **Francis Fauquier**, Esq; his  
Majesty's Lieutenant Governour, and Commander in  
Chief of the Colony and Dominion of **Virginia**:

### A PROCLAMATION.

**Virginia**, to wit:

*Whereas*, the General Affembly stands prorogued to the first *Tuesday* in *March* next, and *whereas* I find no urgent occasion for the said Affembly's meeting at that time, I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council, by this proclamation, in his Majesty's name, to prorogue the said Affembly to the laſt *Thursday* in *May* next; and they are accordingly prorogued to that time.

Given under my hand, and the ſeal of the colony, at *Williamsburg*, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of *February*, 1766, and in the 6<sup>th</sup> year of his Majesty's Reign.

**Francis Fauquier.**

GOD SAVE THE KING.



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By the Honourable **Francis Fauquier**, Esq; his  
Majesty's Lieutenant Governour, and Commander in  
Chief of the Colony and Dominion of **Virginia**:

A PROCLAMATION.

**Virginia**, to wit:

*Whereas*, the General Assembly stands prorogued to the last *Thursday* in this month, and *whereas* I find no urgent occasion for the said Assembly's meeting at that time, I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council, by this proclamation, in his Majesty's name, to prorogue the said Assembly to the last *Thursday* in *July* next; and they are accordingly prorogued to that time.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the colony, at *Williamsburg*, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of *May*, 1766, in the 6<sup>th</sup> year of his Majesty's Reign.

**Francis Fauquier.**

GOD SAVE THE KING.





By the Honourable **Francis Fauquier**. Esq; his  
Majesty's Lieutenant Governour, and Commander in  
Chief of the Colony and Dominion of **Virginia**:

### A PROCLAMATION.

**Virginia**. to wit:

*Whereas*, the General Assembly stands prorogued to the last *Thursday* in *July* next, and *whereas* I find no urgent occasion for the said Assembly's meeting at that time, I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council, by this proclamation, in his Majesty's name, further to prorogue the said Assembly to the first *Thursday* in *September* next; and they are accordingly prorogued to that time.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the colony, at *Williamsburg*, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of *June*, 1766, and in the 6<sup>th</sup> year of his Majesty's reign.

**Francis Fauquier.**

GOD SAVE THE KING.



By the Honourable **Francis Fauquier**, Esq; his  
Majesty's Lieutenant Governour, and Commander in  
Chief of the Colony and Dominion of **Virginia**:

### A PROCLAMATION.

**Virginia**, to wit:

*Whereas*, the General Assembly stands prorogued to the first *Thursday* in *September* next, and *whereas* I find no urgent occasion for the said Assembly's meeting at that time, I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council, by this proclamation, in his Majesty's name, further to prorogue the said Assembly to the first *Thursday* in *November* next; at which time their attendance is required at the Capitol, for despatch of publick business.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the colony, at *Williamsburg*, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of *August*, 1766, and in the 6<sup>th</sup> year of his Majesty's reign.

**Francis Fauquier.**

GOD SAVE THE KING.





By the Honourable **Francis Fauquier**, Esq; his Majesty's Lieutenant Governour, and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of **Virginia**:

A PROCLAMATION.

**Virginia**, to wit:

*Whereas*, the General Assembly stands prorogued to the 1<sup>st</sup> *Thursday* in *November* next, and his Majesty's service, and the general interest of this colony, render it necessary that the said Assembly meet as soon as possible, I have therefore, thought fit, by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council, to issue this proclamation, in his Majesty's name, requiring their attendance at the capitol, in *Williamsburg*, on the day above-mentioned, for the despatch of publick businefs.

Given under my Hand, and the seal of the colony, at *Williamsburg*, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of *October*, 1766, and in the 6<sup>th</sup> year of his Majesty's reign.

**Francis Fauquier.**

GOD SAVE THE KING.



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Thursday, the 6th of November, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

ONE Hundred and One *Members* having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, and also subscribed the Test, took their Places in the House.

A *Message* from the Governor was delivered by Mr *Waltheof*.

*The Governor commands your immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber. The House went up accordingly, and the Governor was pleased to say to them:*

*Gentlemen of the House of Burgessees,*

*You must return again to your House, and immediately proceed to the Choice of a Speaker.*

Being returned, Mr *Archibald Cary* put the House in Mind of the Governor's Commands to proceed to the Choice of a Speaker; and did nominate and recommend *Peyton Randolph*, Esquire, as a Gentleman fully qualified to execute that important Trust.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* proposed that Mr *Richard Bland* might be elected Speaker, being a Gentleman who had given undeniable Proofs of his Abilities and Fitness for that Office; and the Question being put by the Clerk of the House that the said *Peyton Randolph* be elected Speaker.

It passed in the Affirmative.

Accordingly he was conducted to the Chair by two Members from whence he made a Speech expressing the just Sense he had of the Obligation they laid him under, and returned them his Thanks for the Honour they had conferred on him.

*Ordered*, That a *Message* be sent to the Governor to acquaint him that this House, in Obedience to his Commands, have made Choice of a Speaker, and to know his Pleasure when they shall attend to present him; and that Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Wythe*, and Mr *Benjamin Harrison*, do wait on him with the said *Message*.

They accordingly withdrew, and being returned, Mr *Landon Carter* reported that the Governor was pleased to say he would receive the Speaker immediately.

And accordingly the House went up, with their Speaker Elect and the Governor was pleased to express his Approbation of their Choice.

Mr *Speaker* then in Behalf of the House petitioned the Governor that they might enjoy their ancient Rights and Privileges, such as Freedom of Speech and Debate, Exemptions from Arrests, and Protections for their Estates; and lastly, for himself, that no Mistakes of his might be imputed to the House.

To which the Governor answered, *That he should take Care to defend them in all their just Rights and Privileges.*

Being returned, Mr *Speaker* reported that the House had attended the Governor in the Council Chamber, and presented their Speaker; that he was pleased to approve of their Choice; and then made a Speech to the Council and this House, of which he had to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy; which he read, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:

*Gentlemen*





*Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes,*

*Not having any pressing Occasion for my meeting you in General Assembly before this Time, I have followed the Bent of my own Inclinations, which have always been to create as little Expence to the Country and as little Trouble to yourselves, as the Circumstances of the Times would permit me.*

*Since my calling this Assembly several important Events have happened in Great Britain, in which you are deeply interested. All the Papers relating to these Matters have been transmitted to me by his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and it is my Duty to communicate them all to you without Reserve. They consist of several Resolutions of the House of Commons, and Acts of the Legislature, by due Attention to which you will readily collect the undisguised Sentiments of the British Nation relative to her Colonies; Sentiments which are not mere speculative Opinions, but which have operated strongly in your Favour. Your Grievances have been redressed, the Act you thought oppressive repealed, and every Indulgence in Commerce which you could with Reason expect, or even desire, been granted you. Your Mother Country has on this Occasion not only acted with her usual Prudence, but also the greatest Kindness and Affection towards you her Children; and as an indulgent Parent has a Right to expect a Return of Duty, Obedience, and Gratitude, from her natural Children, she has a Right to claim the same from you, her political Ones. My long contracted Friendship for you bids me wish, and the Experience I have gained of the Genius of the People over whom I have the Honour to preside teaches me to expect, that your present Conduct will do you Honour at Home, and convince every Enemy to the Crown of Great Britain that her Colonies are, and ever will be, her Support, to the utmost of their Abilities, against the Attacks of the most powerful, and will never suffer her Empire to be insulted with Impunity. From the Consideration of the true and permanent Interest of the Colony, I hope, from the Experience I have already had of the Abilities of many Members of this Assembly, I expect, and from my Knowledge of your Sense of Honour and Gratitude I have a Confidence, that you will exert yourselves to shew that your Loyalty to your King, and your Affection to your Mother Country, ought not to be impeached. The Attachment of your Friends in Great Britain, who have been steady to your Interest, will as I have the greatest Reason to believe, depend on the Returns you shall now make to the many Acts of Kindness which you must acknowledge have been shewn to you. The Crisis is very great, and if not properly and seriously attended to may be very alarming. My affection to you obliges me to mention this but my Reliance on you dispenses with my dwelling longer on the Subject.*

*It is expedient I should also recommend to your Consideration and Humanity a poor unhappy set of People who are deprived of their Senses and wander about the Country, terrifying the Rest of their Fellow Creatures. A legal Confinement, and proper Provision, ought to be appointed for these miserable Objects, who cannot help themselves. Every civilized Country has an Hospital for these People, where they are confined, maintained and attended by able Physicians, to endeavour to restore to them their lost Reason.*

*Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes,*

*I have nothing particular to ask of you, his Majesty having made no Requisition from his Colonies; and it is with great pleasure I can say that notwithstanding the Distraction of the Times, and the Cessation of Justice, no Man's Property has been violated, and no Man has a Claim of Reparation at your Hands.*

*Gentlemen of the Council, and of the House of Burgeffes,*

*I shall only add to what I have said the recommending to you a cool and considerate Reflection on the Circumstances of the Colony, and of what is expected from you. You never had an Occasion, and possibly may never have another, in which the deliberate Use of your Judgment was more necessary. To that I trust, and doubt not but your Resolutions will convince me, and all Mankind, that I have not trusted in vain.*

*Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to his Honor the Governor, returning him our Thanks for his Speech to the Council and this House; to assure him that we are truly*



truly sensible of the tender Regard shewn to the Rights and Liberties of his *British* Subjects in *America*, by his Majesty and the Parliament of *Great Britain*, in the Repeal of the Stamp Act, and the several Laws by them passed in Favour of our Trade; that we look on the Prosperity of *Great Britain* to be so immediately connected with that of her Colonies we should be wanting in our Duty to the best of Kings if we did not take the earliest Opportunity of assuring him that we are, and always shall be, ready to defend him, with our Lives and Fortunes, against all his Enemies, in doing which we shall pursue the real Interest of *Great Britain*, and of course that of this Colony; and that we will take the other Matters recommended in his Speech under our most serious Consideration.

*Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to draw up the said Address; and it is referred to Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Landon Carter*, and Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, to prepare and bring in the same.

*Resolved*, That this House will take the Governor's Speech into Consideration on *Monday* next.

Mr *Speaker* informed the House that his Honor the Governor had delivered to him the Letters and Papers referred to in his Speech, in Order to be laid before this House; and he delivered them in at the Table.

*Ordered*, That the said Letters and Papers do lie on the Table.

*Ordered*, That an Address be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ for the electing a Burgess<sup>1</sup> to serve in this present General Assembly for the County of *Hanover*, in the Room of Mr *James Littlepage*, deceased; and that Mr *Syme* do wait on him with the said Address.

*Also* for the County of *King and Queen*,<sup>2</sup> in the Room of *John Robinson*, Esq<sup>r</sup> deceased: and that Mr *Pendleton* do wait on him with the said Address.

*Also* for the County of *James City*,<sup>3</sup> in the Room of Mr *Robert Carter Nicholas* who since his Election hath accepted of the Office of Treasurer of this Colony and that Mr *Burwell* do wait on him with the said Address.

*Also* for the Town of *Jamestown*,<sup>4</sup> in the Room of Mr *John Ambler* deceased; and that Mr *Burwell* do wait on him with the said Address.

A Letter from the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr *Price*, directed to the Speaker and the House of Burgesses, praying that he may be continued Chaplain and that his immediate Attendance may be dispensed with on Account of the dangerous Illness of his Wife, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Mr *Price* be continued Chaplain to this House, and that he attend every Morning to read Prayers at 10 o'Clock.

*Ordered*, That *James Lavie*, *Nathaniel Hix*, and *John Broadrib*, be continued in their respective Offices as Door Keepers to this House, and that they give their Attendance accordingly.

The several *Petitions* of *Michael McCarty*, *William Francis*, *William Smith* and *Robert Hyland*, each praying to be appointed a Door Keeper to this House in the Room of *Thomas Francis*, deceased, were severally presented to the House and read.

*Resolved*, That this House, in appointing a Door Keeper will proceed by Ballot.

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration of the said *Petitions* be put off until To-morrow.

A Letter directed to the Speaker and House of Burgesses enclosing a Copy of the Proceedings of the Congress or Committee of the several Colonies that lately met at *New York*, was presented to the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Letter do lie on the Table.

*And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.*

**Friday**

<sup>1</sup> Samuel Meredith.

<sup>2</sup> Richard Tunstall.

<sup>3</sup> Robert Carter Nicholas was re-elected.

<sup>4</sup> Edward Ambler.







Friday, the 7th of November. 7 Geo. III. 1766.

TWO absent *Members* having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, and also subscribed the Test, were admitted to their Places in the House.

The House took into Consideration the Petitions of *Michael McCarty, William Francis, William Smith, and Robert Hyland*, referred to this Day.

On a Motion made,

Ordered, That the Members of the House do respectively subscribe the Name of such Petitioner they desire shall be appointed Door Keeper to this House, in the Room of *Thomas Francis*, deceased, upon distinct Papers, and put them into the Box prepared for their Reception.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the Number of Votes for each Candidate in the said Box, to consist of the following Persons; *Mr Bland, Mr Richard Henry Lee, Mr Edmund Pendleton, Mr George Wythe, Mr Lemuel Riddick, Mr Henry, and Mr Henry Lee*, and report the same to the House.

On a Motion made,

Ordered, *Nemine Contradicente*, That a Committee be appointed to examine into the State of the Treasury: That they state an Account of the Treasury Notes which have been issued for the publick Service since the End of the Fourth Session of the General Assembly, held in the Year 1754, with the Amount of the Notes which have been burnt, and those remaining in the Hands of the Treasurer: That they state an Account of the annual Produce of the several Taxes, Duties, and Impositions, upon Lands, Tithables, Wheel Carriages, Writs, Ordinary Licenses, Liquors, Slaves, and Tobacco, which have been paid into the Treasury since the End of the said Session of the General Assembly; and the Balances that appear to be due from the several Collectors of the said Taxes, Duties, and Impositions: and also that they state an Account of the Money paid to the several publick Creditors to the Treasurer for Commissions, and to the several Officers of the General Assembly for their Salaries, from the Time aforesaid, distinguishing upon such Accounts the Number of Days each Session continued; and that they report the same to this House. And it is referred to *Mr Bland, Mr Landon Carter, Mr Richard Henry Lee, Mr Archibald Cary, Mr Fleming, Mr Henry, Mr Blair, Mr Carrington, Mr Wythe, Mr Tabb, and Mr Francis Lee*, or any five of them, to prepare and state the same.

On a Motion made,

Ordered, That *Mr Pendleton* have leave to be absent until Monday s'e'nnight.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges and Elections be appointed of the following Persons:

*Mr Pendleton*

*Mr Bland,  
Mr Landon Carter,  
Mr Lemuel Riddick,  
Mr William Digges,  
Mr Wythe,  
Mr Benjamin Harrison,  
Mr Dudley Digges,  
Mr Page,*

*Mr Richard Henry Lee,  
Mr Burwell,  
Mr Whiting,  
Mr Fleming,  
Mr Washington,  
Mr Francis Lee,  
Mr Blair,  
Mr Charles Carter, Lancaster,*

*Mr Henry.*

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to examine in the first Place all Returns of Writs for electing Burgesses to serve in this present General Assembly, and compare the same with the Form prescribed by Law; and to take into their Consideration all such Matters as shall or may come in Question touching Returns, Elections, and Privileges



Privileges, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, from Time to Time, to the House. And the said Committee is to have Power to send for Persons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

*Ordered*, That a Committee of Propositions and Grievances be appointed of the following Persons:

*Mr Bland,*

*Mr Pendleton,  
Mr Landon Carter,  
Mr Archibald Cary,  
Mr William Digges,  
Mr Benjamin Harrison,  
Mr Wythe,  
Mr Burwell,  
Mr Whiting,  
Mr Syme,  
Mr Henry Lee,  
Mr Randolph,  
Mr Henry,  
Mr Banister,  
Mr Wilson Miles Cary,  
Mr Edward Carter,  
Mr Carrington,  
Mr John Bolling,  
Mr Moseley,  
Mr Lemuel Riddick,  
Mr Robert Bolling,  
Mr Francis Lee,  
Mr Lewis,*

*Mr Charles Carter, King George,  
Mr Richard Henry Lee,  
Mr Dudley Digges,  
Mr Page,  
Mr Nelson,  
Mr Gaines,  
Mr Washington,  
Mr Bassett,  
Mr Thomas Walker,  
Mr Grymes,  
Mr Wilson,  
Mr Harwood,  
Mr Braxton,  
Mr Tabb,  
Mr Charles Carter, Lancaster,  
Mr Alexander Bolling,  
Mr Thomas Harrison,  
Mr William Cabell,  
Mr Thompson Mason,  
Mr Corbin,  
Mr Robert Munford, Mecklenburg,  
Mr Alexander,*

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Consideration all Propositions and Grievances that shall come legally certified to this Assembly, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, from Time to Time, to the House; and all such Propositions and Grievances are to be delivered to the Clerk of the House, and by him to the said Committee of Course. And the said Committee is to have Power to send for Persons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

*Ordered*, That a Committee of Public Claims be appointed of the following Persons:

*Mr Archibald Cary,*

*Mr Joseph Gray,  
Mr Richard Lee,  
Mr Bridger,  
Mr Tebbs,  
Mr Harmanfon,  
Mr Wilson,  
Mr David Mason,  
Mr Thornton,  
Mr Hartwell Cocke,  
Mr Simmons,  
Mr Harwood,  
Mr Thomas Walker,  
Mr West,  
Mr Paramore,*

*Mr Hamilton,  
Mr Willis Riddick,  
Mr Payne,  
Mr John Lee,  
Mr Waring,  
Mr Ward,  
Mr Newton,  
Mr Robert Munford, Amelia,  
Mr Delany,  
Mr James Walker,  
Mr Eyre,  
Mr Simpson,  
Mr Preston,  
Mr Robinson,*

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Consideration all Publick Claims which shall be presented to the House during this Session, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, to the House, when they shall have gone through the said Claims; and all Persons that have any Claims are to deliver them





them to the Clerk, and he is to deliver the same to the said Committee of Course. And they are to have Power to send for Persons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

*Ordered*, That a Committee for Courts of Justice be appointed of the following Persons:

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| <i>Mr Landon Carter,</i>  | <i>Mr Richard Henry Lee,</i> |
| <i>Mr Wythe,</i>          | <i>Mr Joseph Cabell,</i>     |
| <i>Mr Ball,</i>           | <i>Mr Legrand,</i>           |
| <i>Mr William Taylor,</i> | <i>Mr Bailey,</i>            |
| <i>Mr Drew,</i>           | <i>Mr Maclin,</i>            |
| <i>Mr Edmunds,</i>        | <i>Mr Acrill,</i>            |
| <i>Mr Thomas,</i>         | <i>Mr Taliafero,</i>         |
| <i>Mr West,</i>           | <i>Mr Booker,</i>            |
| <i>Mr Brook,</i>          | <i>Mr Slaughter,</i>         |
| <i>Mr Talbot,</i>         | <i>Mr Clayton,</i>           |
| <i>Mr Callaway,</i>       | <i>Mr Anderson,</i>          |
|                           | <i>Mr Venable,</i>           |

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take under their Consideration all Matters relating to Courts of Justice, and such other Matters as shall from Time to Time be referred to them, and report their Proceedings, and the said Committee is to have Power to send for Persons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

*Ordered*, That a Committee of Trade be appointed of the following Persons:

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| <i>Mr Moseley,</i>   | <i>Mr Benjamin Harrison,</i> |
| <i>Mr Whiting,</i>   | <i>Mr Lewis,</i>             |
| <i>Mr Tabb,</i>      | <i>Mr Lemuel Riddick,</i>    |
| <i>Mr Hutchings,</i> | <i>Mr Blagrove,</i>          |
| <i>Mr Simpson,</i>   | <i>Mr Marshall,</i>          |
| <i>Mr Jordan,</i>    | <i>Mr Newton,</i>            |
| <i>Mr Braxton,</i>   | <i>Mr Trent,</i>             |
|                      | <i>Mr Gaskins,</i>           |
|                      | <i>Mr Eyre,</i>              |

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and take under their Consideration all Things relating to the Trade of this Colony, and all Matters that shall be from Time to Time to them referred, and to report their Proceedings. And the said Committee are to have Power to send for Persons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

*Resolved*, That eleven of the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, and five of any other Committee, be a sufficient Number to make a Committee.

*Ordered*, That the Committee for Courts of Justice do inspect the Journal of the last Session and draw up a State of the Matters then depending and undetermined, and the Progress that was made therein, and report the same to the House; that they do also examine what Laws have expired since the last Session, and inspect such temporary Laws as will expire with the End of this Session, or are near expiring, and report the same to the House, with their Opinions which of them are fit to be revived and continued.

*Resolved*, That in all Cases of controverted Elections, to be heard at the Bar of this House, or before the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Petitioners do by themselves, or by their Agents, within a convenient Time, to be appointed either by the House or the Committee of Privileges and Elections, as the Matter to be heard shall be before the House, or the said Committee, deliver to the sitting Members, or their Agents, Lists of the Persons intended by the Petitioners to be objected to, who voted for the sitting Members, giving in the said Lists the several Heads of Objection and distinguishing the same against the names of the Voters excepted to; and that the sitting Members do by themselves, or their Agents, within the same Time, deliver the like Lists on their Part to the Petitioners, or their Agents.

A *Petition* of *Richard Stark*, praying to be appointed Clerk of the Committee of Privileges and Elections, and of Propositions and Grievances.



Also a *Petition of John Tazewell and Bartholomew Dandridge* to the same Purpose; were severally presented to the House, and read:

*Resolved*, That the House will proceed in appointing a Clerk to the said Committee by Ballot.

*Ordered*, That the same Committee appointed to examine into the Box, as to the Petitions of *Michael M'Carty, William Francis, William Smith, and Robert Hyland*, do proceed in the same Manner with Respect to the foregoing Petitions.

Mr *Bland* reported that the Committee had, according to Order, examined the Ballot Box for appointing Door Keepers, and find the Number of Votes for each Candidate for the Place of Door Keeper to be as follows:

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| For <i>Robert Hyland</i> ,   | 70 |
| For <i>William Francis</i> , | 16 |
| For <i>William Smith</i> ,   | 10 |
| For <i>Michael M'Carty</i> , | 3  |

*Ordered*, That *Robert Hyland* be appointed Door Keeper to this House, in the Room of *Thomas Francis*, deceased; and that he give his Attendance accordingly.

A *Petition of William Fitzhugh*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Thompson Mason*, to serve as a Burgess in this present General Assembly for the County of *Stafford*, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, and that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the same as they shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Claim of William Roberts*, for taking up a Runaway, rejected at a former Assembly, was presented to the House and received.

*Ordered*, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Claims.

Mr *Bland* reported that the Committee appointed had according to Order examined the Ballot Box for appointing a Clerk to the Committee of Privileges and Elections and Propositions and Grievances, and find the Number of Votes for each Candidate to be as follows:

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| For Mr <i>Richard Stark</i>         | 70 |
| For Mr <i>Bartholomew Dandridge</i> | 16 |
| For Mr <i>John Tazewell</i>         | 11 |

*Ordered*, That Mr *Richard Stark* be appointed Clerk to the Committees of Privileges and Elections and Propositions and Grievances.

A *Petition of Mr Hynd Russell*, praying to be appointed Clerk of the Committee of Claims, in the Room of Mr *Miles Cary*, deceased, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said *Hynd Russell* be appointed Clerk to the said Committee.

A *Petition of Mr Richard Cary*, praying to be appointed Clerk to the Committee of Trade, in the Room of Mr *Hynd Russell*, removed to the Committee of Claims.

Also a *Petition of Bartholomew Dandridge, and William Rose*, to the same effect, were severally presented to the House and read.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of the said *William Rose* be rejected; and the Question being put that the said *Cary* be appointed Clerk to the said Committee.

It passed in the Affirmative.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of the said *Dandridge* be rejected.

A *Petition of William Stark*, praying to be appointed the Publick Printer.

Also the *Petitions of William Rind, Messrs Purdie and Dixon, and Robert Miller*, to same Purpose; were severally presented to the House and read.

*Resolved*, That this House will proceed to the appointing a Printer by Ballot.

*Ordered*, That the same Committee appointed to examine the Box relative to the Appointment of a Door Keeper and a Clerk of the Committee of Privileges and Elections  
and





and Propositions and Grievances, do proceed in the same Manner as upon the Petitions aforesaid.

Mr *Bland* reported that the Committee had, according to Order examined the Ballot Box for appointing a Public Printer, and find the Number of Votes to be as follows:

|                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| For <i>William Rind</i> ,     | 53 |
| For <i>William Stark</i> ,    | 19 |
| For <i>Robert Miller</i> ,    | 17 |
| For <i>Purdie and Dixon</i> , | 10 |

*Resolved*, That Mr *William Rind* be appointed the Publick Printer.

*Ordered*, That the said Resolve be engrossed, and that Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A *Petition* of *William Westmore*, praying that his Salary as Publick Gaoler may be continued, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* do lie on the Table.

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

## Saturday, the 8th of November, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

A *Petition* of *William Fauntleroy*, praying to be reimbursed some Tobacco that he paid for two Runaways taken up that did not belong to him was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Claims: that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon to the House.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That all the Claims for taking up Runaways, sworn to before a Magistrate, be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Claims.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill For appointing new Trustees for the Disposal of the Estate of *George Carter*, deceased; and it is referred to Mr *Landon Carter* to prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Thomas Everard* be appointed Clerk of the Committee of Courts of Justice.

*Ordered*, That there be a Call of the House on *Tuesday* next.

The House proceeded to the Consideration of the *Petition* of *William Westmore*, referred to this Day.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Claims that they do examine into the same, and report their Opinions thereupon to the House.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That the Printer do publish the Journals as soon as the Proceedings of this House are sufficient to fill a Sheet.

Mr *Speaker* presented to the House a Letter, directed to him and the House of Burgesses, enclosing a Pamphlet, entitled An Address to the Committee of Correspondence in *Barbados*; which he delivered in at the Table.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the Table.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported that the Committee had had under their Consideration the returns of the Writs for electing Burgesses to serve in this present General Assembly for the Counties of *Hampshire* and *Frederick*; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to with some Amendments as follow:

It appears to this Committee that the returns on the said Writs are made in the Words following: For *Hampshire*, This Writ did not come to my Hands until the 12<sup>th</sup> Day



*Day of July, and the Return Day being the 25<sup>th</sup> of the same month, I could not give Notice required by Law; by which Means the Freeholders of my County could not proceed to the Election of two Burgeffes, as by the said Writ is commanded.*

NATHANIEL KIRKENDALL.

*And for the County of Frederick in the Words following, to wit: This Writ did not come to my Hands until the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of July, and the Return Day being the 25<sup>th</sup> of the same Month, I could not give the Notice required by Law; by which Means the Freeholders of my County could not proceed to the Election of two Burgeffes, as by the said Writ is commanded.*

JACOB HITE, S. F.

And it further appears to this *Committee*, on the Information of the Clerk of the Secretary's Office, that the said Writs were duly made out the Day they bear Test, and delivered that Day, or the Day after, to Mr *William Preston* a Member of this House, who at the Request of the said Clerk promised to contrive them in due Time to the respective Sheriffs.

It further appears to this *Committee*, from the Deposition of *Thomas Bowyer*, sworn to and certified, "That some short Time after the Oyer Court in June 1765, he saw the Writs for Election of Burgeffes for the Counties of *Frederick* and *Hampshire* delivered to Col<sup>o</sup> *William Preston*, and that he travelled up from *Williamsburg* with the said *Preston*, who was in a travelling Chair, which happened to break on the Road, in *Hanover* County, on which Accident happening to the said *Preston* he the said *Preston* desired the said *Bowyer* to take the said Writs and deliver them to Mr *Gabriel Jones*, who practised as an Attorney in *Frederick*, and is Clerk of *Hampshire* Court, and for this Reason was supposed to be the best Person for conveying the said Writs to the respective Sheriffs: That the said *Bowyer* came directly up to *Staunton*, and after a few Days saw the said *Jones*, to whom he offered the said Writs to be conveyed as aforesaid, but he answered that he had no Opportunity of conveying them speedily, and that as the said *Bowyer* lived in Town, he might probably find an Opportunity of forwarding them sooner than the said *Jones*; upon which the said *Bowyer* kept them, and sent them by the first Opportunity that he could find, but is informed they miscarried: And further, the said *Bowyer* saith that the said *Preston* did not come up further than *Hanover* with the said *Bowyer*, nor did he see the said Writs or Packets during the Time they were in his the said *Bowyer's* Custody, but expressed a Desire that the said Writs should be forwarded in due Time to the said Counties of *Frederick* and *Hampshire*."

It further appears to this *Committee*, from a Certificate of *Gabriel Jones*, that some time in June 1765 Mr *Thomas Bowyer*, of the Town of *Staunton* offered the said *Jones* two packets, one of which was directed to the Sheriff of *Hampshire*, and the other to the Sheriff of *Frederick*, acquainting the said *Jones* at the same Time that they contained the Writs of Election for the said Counties; which the said *Jones* refused to receive, as he did not intend to go to either of the said Counties in that or the following Month, and he knew of no Opportunity of conveying them before.

*Resolved*, That the Writs for the Counties of *Hampshire* and *Frederick* miscarried by Accident.

*Ordered*, That an Address be made to the Governor to order new Writs for electing Burgeffes to serve in this present General Assembly for the Counties of *Hampshire* and *Frederick*, and that Mr *Bland* do wait on him with the said Address.

A *Petition* of the Justices of the County of *Loudoun*, praying to be reimbursed a Sum of Money which they have paid for the revised Laws.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Claims that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon to the House.

*And then the House adjourned until Monday Morning 11 o'Clock.*

Monday







Monday, the 10th of November, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

**A** *Petition of Elijah McClanahan, praying Relief on Account of the Injury he sustained by a Party of Indians in the Year 1764, was presented to the House and read.*

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the same, with their Opinions thereupon, to the House.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Correspondence do lay before this House the Letters from the Agents, and their Proceedings, since the last Session of Assembly.

Two absent Members having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and Subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, and also subscribed the Test, were admitted to their Places in the House.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported that the Committee had had under their Consideration the several Writs for electing Burgesses to serve in this present General Assembly, and had come to the following Resolutions thereon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House, with some Amendments, as follow:

*Resolved*, That the Returns of the several Writs for electing Burgesses for the Counties of *Amherst, Albemarle, Amelia, Cumberland, Caroline, Charlotte, Effex, Fauquier, Goochland, Gloucester, Hanover, Halifax, Jamestown, Isle of Wight, Lunenburg, Louisa, Lancaster, Mecklenburg, New Kent, Northampton, Orange, Prince George, Richmond, Suffex, Stafford, Southampton* and *Surry*, are made in the Form prescribed by Law.

*Resolved*, That the Returns of the several Writs for electing Burgesses for the Counties of *Accomack, Augusta, Buckingham, Bedford, Brunswick, College, Culpeper, Chesterfield, Charles City, Dinwiddie, Elizabeth City, Fairfax, Henrico, James City, King George, King and Queen, King William, Middlesex, Nansemond, Norfolk, Norfolk Borough, Northampton, Princess Anne, Prince William, Prince Edward, Spotsylvania, Williamsburg, Warwick, Westmoreland*, and *York*, are not made in the Form prescribed by Law.

*Resolved*, That the Returns of the respective Writs for electing Burgesses for the Counties of *Accomack, Buckingham, Bedford, Brunswick, College, Culpeper, Chesterfield, Charles City, Dinwiddie, Elizabeth City, Fairfax, Henrico, James City, King George, King and Queen, King William, Middlesex, Nansemond, Norfolk, Norfolk Borough, Northampton, Princess Anne, Prince William, Prince Edward, Spotsylvania, Warwick, Westmoreland*, and *York*, be amended by the Clerk at the Table.

On a *Motion* made,

*Resolved*, That the Writs for electing Burgesses for the City of *Williamsburg*, and Borough of *Norfolk*, are made in the Form prescribed by Law.

*Ordered*, That the Sheriff of *Augusta* be sent for in Custody of the Serjeant at Arms, to amend his Return.

Mr *Bland* also reported that the said Committee had had under their Consideration the *Petition* of Mr *William Fitzhugh* complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Thomson Mason* to serve as a Burgess in this present General Assembly for the County of *Stafford*, and have come to the following Resolutions thereon:

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Matter of the said *Petition* be examined into before the Committee on *Wednesday* the 3<sup>d</sup> of *December*.

*Resolved*, That as well the Petitioner as the sitting Member in the mean Time, be at Liberty to examine and take the Depositions of such of their Witnesses respectively as are sick, infirm, or unable to travel, before Col<sup>o</sup> *Francis Thornton*, Col<sup>o</sup> *Thomas Lee*, Captain *William Bronaugh*, Mr *John Washington*, Mr *John Mercer*, and Mr *Bailey Washington*, or any four of them, the said Petitioner and sitting Member giving each other ten Days Notice of the Time and Place of taking the same.

*Resolved*





*Resolved*, That the Petitioner and fitting Member do deliver to each other or their respective Agents a List of such Persons as are sick, infirm, or unable to travel, intended to be by them respectively objected to, and examined before the said Commissioners, giving in the said List the several Heads of Objection, distinguishing the same against the Name of the Voters respectively objected to, and also deliver to each other, or their respective Agents a List of the Voters to be by them respectively objected to, and examined before the Committee, giving in the said List the several Head of Objections, distinguishing the same against the Name of the Voters respectively objected to.

*Ordered*, That Mr Woodbridge and Mr Gray be added to the Committees of Privileges and Elections and Propositions and Grievances, and Mr West to the Committees of Propositions and Grievances and Claims.

A *Petition* of *Littleton Eyre* and *Severn Eyre*, praying that no Skipper or Owners of Vessels may be allowed to carry Passengers from the Eastern Shore over the Bay to *York, Hampton, or Norfolk*, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Memorial* of *John Henry*, setting forth that an accurate Survey of this Colony would be very acceptable to many of its Inhabitants, who would cheerfully contribute to the Expence thereof, but that such a Work cannot be undertaken without the Assistance of the Legislature.

That the Advantages arising from such an Undertaking are obvious to any who will duly attend to the Nature of such a Work, but the Memorialist begs leave to point them out, for the Information of such as have not turned their Thoughts to Subjects of this Kind.

In the first Place, as it is proposed that the Roads should be Measured, and the Number of Miles distinctly marked, together with all noted Places laid down, it will render travelling very agreeable; and also ascertain the Distance Venire Men and Witnesses travel to the General Court, to the Advantage of the Publick.

In the next Place, as it is proposed to have all remarkable Shallows, both in the Bay of *Chesapeak*, and in the navigable Rivers, pointed out, with the Depth of Water upon such, it will render Navigation very safe, and consequently be beneficial to the Trade of the Colony.

In the third Place such a Work will greatly contribute to the Honour of the Colony, as well as to the Interest of *Great Britain*, by the more Speedy Settlement of the late Acquisitions upon this Continent, as the other Colonies will be very apt to follow our Example in making such Surveys; the Consequence of which will be to induce many Emigrants from *Europe* to come and settle the vacant Lands, as upon Inspection of such Maps they may choose such Settlements as may, with Regard to their Latitudes, be most agreeable to their Health, or be most likely to secure Success in that particular Employment to which they have been accustomed.

And as *Virginia* is not only the most ancient, but the most opulent and populous Colony upon this Continent, it well becomes it to set an Example to the Rest, which will make it appear in such a reputable Light to *Great Britain* that very probably the Charge arising from such Survey will be reimbursed to a Colony so well deserving such Distinction.

Lastly, it is proposed that not only Maps of the Colony, but of every particular County, shall be neatly printed in *London*, the former five Feet long, and three Feet broad, the latter fifteen Inches by twelve Inches, with the Latitudes and Longitudes accurately laid down, together with the most curious and entertaining Observations relative to the Country, its Productions, Numbers of Inhabitants, Rarities, Trade, and whatever else may be judged proper to be inserted in the Vacant Places of the said Maps, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said *Memorial* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.





Mr *Bland* laid before the House; according to Order, the Agent's Letters, and the Proceedings of the Committee of Correspondence, since the last Session of the Assembly.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the Table.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the House to take into Consideration the Governor's Speech,

*Resolved*, That this House will take into Consideration the Governor's Speech on *Wednesday* next.

A *Petition* of *Robert Wooding*, praying to be allowed for 11 Days Service, in which he acted on the Frontiers as Lieutenant Colonel, in viewing the Forts and Garrisons, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr *Archibald Cary*, from the Persons appointed, reported that they had, according to Order, prepared an Address to the Governor; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the same was again twice read.

*Ordered*, That the said Address do lie on the Table.

A *Petition* of *Elizabeth Cook*, praying that a Ferry may be established from her Land in *Stafford County*, over to the Land of *Clement Kennedy* in *Maryland*.

Also a *Petition* of *James Scott*, praying that a Ferry may be established from the said *Kennedy's* to his Land in *Stafford County*; were severally presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petitions* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Mr *Washington* do wait on the Governor with the Address of this House, to order new Writs to issue for electing Burgesses to serve in this present General Assembly for the Counties of *Frederick* and *Hampshire*, the said Writs having formerly miscarried.

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

## Tuesday, the 11th of November, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

A *Memorial* of fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Richmond* praying that the Right of keeping a Ferry, in the County of *Effex*, in *Archibald Ritchie*, from the Town of *Tappahanock* to the Land of *Moore Fantleroy*, may be vacated, and granted to some other Person who will comply with the Conditions on which the said Ferry was granted to the said *Ritchie*.

Also a *Petition* of *John Dix* praying that leave may be given him to keep a publick Ferry from his Land on *Dan River*, in *Halifax County* over to the Land of *Lewis Green* were severally presented to the House, and read.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof and report the same with their Opinions thereupon to the House.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill To direct the Collector of the Taxes in Arrear from *King George County* for the Year 1765, and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter* to prepare and bring in the same.

Two new *Members* having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, and also subscribed the Test, were admitted to their Places in the House.

On a *Motion* made,

*Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee immediately, to examine into the State of the Colony.

Accordingly



Accordingly the House resolved itself into a Committee; and after some Time spent therein, Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair; and Mr *Blair* reported that the Committee had had the State of the Colony under their Consideration, but not having time to go through the same, they had directed him to move for Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into a Committee to take into their further Consideration the State of the Colony, To-morrow.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That the Order of the Day, for a Call of the House, be put off until To-morrow.

*And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.*

## Wednesday, the 12th of November, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

**A** *Petition* of sundry Inhabitants of Fauquier County, complaining that the Grist Mills Hedges, and Stops, on Hedgman River and Carter's Run, prevent the Fish from coming up the said River and Run, as they usually did, and praying Relief, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House proceeded to the Consideration of the Address to his Honor the Governor, which was ordered to lie on the Table; and after having made several Amendments thereto, they passed the same which is as follows:

*Sir,*

*We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Burgeesses of Virginia, now met in General Assembly, return your Honor our sincere Thanks for your affectionate Speech at the Opening of this Session.*

*As we have ever been truly sensible of the tender Regard shown by his Majesty to the Rights and Liberties of his People, every where, we cannot but think we should, at this Time in particular be wanting in our Duty to the best of Kings if we did not embrace the Opportunity offered to us by your Honor of gratefully acknowledging that benign Virtue so distinguishable in him, that of protecting the constitutional Privileges of his Subjects, even in the most distant Part of his Realm, the American Dominions, so lately exemplified to us in his Majesty's gracious Assent to the Repeal of that oppressive Act; and at the same Time declare our constant Readiness to devote our Lives and Fortunes in Defence of his sacred Person, Crown, and Dignity, against all his Enemies.*

*We are so convinced of an immediate Connexion between Great Britain and the Colonies, that we cannot but wish that no future Accident may ever interrupt that Union so essential to the Well-being of each of them; and as we hope we have Reason now to conclude that the Parliament of Great Britain (from the Instance lately given in the Repeal of the Stamp Act, and the several Laws passed in Favour of the Trade of North America) was actuated by the true Principles of Fellow Subjects with us, we cannot but wish that the grateful Harmony of an indulgent Parent and dutiful Children may constantly subsist between us.*

*The ready Attachment discovered in the Friends to America has so sensibly struck us that your Honor may be assured no proper Acknowledgment shall be wanting on our Parts to render ourselves truly worthy of every Kindness which they have confessedly shown, and we hope every future Conduct will Merit from them a Continuance of such their particular Friendship and Regard.*

*It is with equal Pleasure that we join with your Honor in observing no Endeavour of the People here (in that Period rendered unhappy by the precarious situation that their Liberties were thrown into) did produce the least Violation of Property in this Colony, but we must hope that no tacit Consent to that affecting Circumstance which produced the Distraction of those Times will ever be concluded from that real Prudence which only governed them in the Preservation of their Rights and Liberties.*

*Whilst*







*Whilst we are thus discharging every Duty of Gratitude recommended to us by your Honor, permit us not to forget the Cordiality and Benevolence which you, Sir, have constantly discovered to us during your Administration.*

*You may be assured we shall give due Attention to what you have been pleased to recommend to us, and that we shall endeavour to conduct ourselves with as much Propriety as possible on this critical Juncture.*

*Ordered, That the said Address be fairly transcribed, and presented by the whole House.*

*Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the same do wait on the Governor, to know his Pleasure when this House shall attend his Honor to present it.*

*A Petition of John Harwood, setting forth that he had served as a Soldier under Colonel George Washington and was wounded in the first Engagement at the Meadows, and was also wounded in General Braddock's Defeat, and then draughted to go to the Northward where the Hardships he met with, and his other Infirmities, rendered him incapable of supplying himself with the common Necessaries of Life; and praying Relief, was presented to the House and read.*

*Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the same, with their Opinions thereupon, to the House.*

*On a Motion made,*

*Ordered, That John Tazewell be appointed Clerk to attend the Committee for stating and settling the Treasurer's Accounts, agreeable to the Resolutions of this House, on the second Day of this Session.*

*The Order of the Day being read for the House again to resolve itself into a Committee to take into their further Consideration the State of the Colony.*

*The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Blair reported that they had had the State of the Colony under their Consideration, and had come to a Resolution thereupon which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the same was again twice read, and is as follows:*

*Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Offices of Speaker of the House of Burgesses and Treasurer of this Colony shall not be united in the same Person, and that the Speaker shall not be concerned as an Officer of the Treasury in any Manner whatsoever: and the Question being put that the House agree thereto,*

*It passed in the Affirmative.*

*Ayes, 68.*

*Noes, 29.*

*Mr Blair also informed the House that the Committee had directed him to move for Leave to sit again.*

*Resolved, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee to take into their further Consideration the State of the Colony on Friday Se'nnight.*

*The Order of the Day being read for the House to take into their Consideration the Governor's Speech,*

*Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House to take into their Consideration the Governor's Speech be put off until To-morrow.*

*On a Motion made,*

*Ordered, That the Call of the House be put off until Friday Se'nnight.*

*On a Motion made,*

*Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill To appoint a Treasurer; and it is referred to Mr Bland to prepare and bring in the same.*

*Ordered, That Mr Henry have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House until the first Day of December, Mr Thomas Walker until this Day Se'nnight, Mr Mason until Friday Se'nnight, and Mr Archibald Cary until Tuesday next.*

*And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.*

**Thursday**



Thursday, the 13th of November, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

**A** *Petition of Baldwin Dade and Thomas Bunbury, Inspectors at Boyd's Hole Warehouse, setting forth that in the Years 1762, 1763, and 1764, the Warehouses under their Care were broke open and ten Hogheads of Tobacco stolen out of the same, though the said Warehouses were well secured by them, and praying that the Value of the said Tobacco may be paid them by the Publick, was presented to the House and read.*

*Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.*

*Mr Landon Carter* reported that the Committee appointed had according to Order, waited on his Honor the Governor to know his Pleasure when this House should attend him with their Address; and that he was pleased to say he would receive it To-morrow in the Council Chamber.

*A Petition of William Pemberton, of the County of Caroline, setting forth that some Time in the Month of August 1765 a Negroe Man named Bob ran away from him the said Pemberton, for which he had the said Slave outlawed, and some Time in the Month of March last he was found dead in the Woods, and praying the Consideration of this House.*

*Also an Account of Alexander Woodrow's against the Colony for Goods he supplied the Soldiers with at Winchester, since the Year 1758.*

*Also a Petition of Jonathan Ware, praying to be allowed the Sum of four Pounds for the Commitment of Deserters.*

*Also a Petition of Joseph Williams, of Lunenburg County, setting forth that several Years ago, as Under Sheriff, he impressed a Horse belonging to one William Abney, to convey a Prisoner to the Publick Gaol, which said Horse died in the Service, and was appraised to £7. 10, and his other Expenses with the said Horse, amounting to 10s. and praying to be allowed the Sum of eight Pounds; were severally presented to the House, and read.*

*Ordered, That the said Petitions and Accounts be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon to the House.*

*Ordered, That Mr Burnley be added to the Committee of Claims, Mr Fleming and Mr Ambler to Propositions and Grievance and Mr. Nicholas to Privileges and Elections and Propositions and Grievances.*

*Mr Bland, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported that the said Committee had had under their Consideration two Petitions to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions thereon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to, as follow:*

*Resolved, That the Petition of John Dix, praying that a Ferry may be established from his Land on the North side of Dan River, in Halifax County, across the said River to the Land of Lewis Green, is reasonable.*

*Resolved, That the Petition of fundry Freeholders, Proprietors of the low Lands on Little Roanoke River, in Charlotte County, praying that the owners or Proprietors of Mills erected on the said River may be compelled to disuse Gates, and leave Waste and Tumbling Dams for venting the Water in Time of Freshes, is reasonable.*

*Ordered, That the said Committee do prepare and bring in Bills pursuant to the said Resolutions.*

*Ordered, That the Order of the Day, for taking the Governor's Speech into Consideration, be put off until To-morrow.*

*Ordered, That Mr Fleming have Leave to be absent until Monday Se'nnight.*

*On a Motion made,*

*Ordered*







*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for giving a Salary to the Speaker of the House of Burgesses of this Colony and it is referred to Mr Archibald Cary, Mr Nicholas, and Mr Bland, to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr Landon Carter presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill To vest certain Lands therein mentioned, whereof George Carter, Esq<sup>r</sup>. died seized in Fee Simple, in certain Trustees therein named, to be sold for Performance of his Will; and the same was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A *Petition* of Charles Carter, praying that an Act may pass to empower him to sell certain Lands whereof he is seized as Tenant in Fee Tails, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition; and it is referred to Mr Robert Munford of Mecklenburg, Mr Landon Carter, Mr Nicholas, Mr Pendleton, and Mr Wythe, to prepare and bring in the same.

*And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.*

## Friday, the 14th of November, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

A *Petition* of Levin Teacle, setting forth that he is seized in Fee of a Tract of Land in Accomack County, a considerable part whereof is low flat Land, and would be very beneficial to him if he could be permitted to drain the same by a Ditch, to be cut from his Land to the Head of Malchapungo Creek, through the Land of Samuel Bagg and Mary Bradford, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Message* from the Governor by Mr Walthe.

Mr Speaker.

*I am commanded by the Governor to acquaint this House that his Honor is now ready to receive their Address in the Council Chamber.*

Mr Speaker with the House went up, and being returned reported that he with the House had attended the Governor in the Council Chamber, and presented the Address of this House to him, to which he was pleased to make the following Answer:

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses,

*Your acknowledgment of the Sense you have ever had of the tender Regard of his Majesty to all his People, and his Protection of their just Rights and Liberties; your Assurances of devoting your Lives and Fortunes in the Defence of his sacred Person, Crown, and Dignity; and your Conviction of the Necessity of an immediate Connexion between Great Britain and her Colonies; are Declarations worthy of you, and must tend to cement that Union between them without which it must be universally confessed they never can flourish and arrive to their greatest Degree of Glory and Perfection.*

*The Attachment of your Friends in Great Britain to your Interest, you may be assured, will always follow such Sentiments, and a Conduct naturally resulting from them.*

*For all these Marks of Gratitude to his Majesty, and Approbation of my most earnest Endeavours to serve you, on this and all other Occasions, I return you my hearty Thanks.*

A Bill, To vest certain Lands therein mentioned, whereof George Carter, Esq<sup>r</sup>. died seized in Fee Simple, in certain Trustees therein mentioned, to be sold for Performance of his Will, was read a second Time, and committed to Mr Landon Carter, Mr Charles Carter of King George, Mr Nicholas, and Mr Page.

*Ordered*, That Mr Bowler Cocke be added to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.



The *Order* of the Day being read for the House to take into Consideration the Governor's Speech.

*Resolved*, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee on the said Speech.

*Ordered*, That all the Letters and Papers that were laid before this House by Direction of his Honor the Governor, and which were ordered to lie on the Table, be referred to the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some Time spent therein, Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported that the Committee had had under their Consideration the Governor's Speech, and Letters and Papers to them referred, but not having time to go through the same, they had directed him to move for Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their further Consideration the Governor's Speech To-morrow.

*And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.*

## Saturday, the 15th of November. 7 Geo. III. 1766.

**A** *Propositions* of the Freeholders of *Prince William County*, setting forth the Veneration and Gratitude wherewith they are affected for the Person and Character of the Right Hon. *William Pitt*, Esq<sup>r</sup> and praying that some permanent Testimony he adopted in Remembrance of that Friend of Liberty, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the Table.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported that the Committee had had under their Consideration the Memorial of fundry inhabitants of *Richmond County* to them referred, and have come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again Twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

*Resolved*, That so much of the said Memorial as relates to the Defect in the Act of Assembly therein mentioned, whereby *Archibald Ritchie* was allowed to keep a Ferry from his Land near *Tappahanock Town* to a Causey on the opposite Side, on the Lands of *Moore Fauntleroy*, so long as the said *Archibald Ritchie*, his Heirs, or Assigns, should keep and maintain at his or their own Expence the said Causey in good and sufficient Repair, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That so much of the said Memorial as prays that the Ferriage of one Shilling and three Pence for a Man, and one Shilling and three Pence for a Horse, by the said Act established at the said *Ritchie's Ferry*, may be reduced to one Shilling for a Man and one Shilling for a Horse, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That the Residue of the said Memorial be rejected.

*Ordered*, That the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill For establishing a Ferry from the land of *John Dix*, in *Halifax County*, over to the Land of *Lewis Green*, do receive a Clause or Clauses pursuant to the two first Resolutions.

Mr *Bland* presented to the House a Bill To oblige the Owners of Mills erected on *Little Roanoke River* to keep Waste or Tumbling Dams; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

On a Motion made,

The said Bill was read a Second Time, and committed to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

*Ordered*, That Mr *John Lee* have Leave to be absent until *Friday* next, and Mr *Waring* until *Monday* Se'nnight.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Nicholas* be added to the Committee for stating the Treasurer's Accounts.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Coles* be added to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, and Mr *Mitchell* to the Committee of Trade.







The *Order* or the *Day* being read for the House again to resolve itself into a Committee to take into their further Consideration the Governor's Speech.

*Ordered*, That the Propositions from the Frecholders of the County of *Prince William*, which was this Day ordered to lie on the Table, be referred to the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some Time spent therein Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported that the said Committee had had the Governor's Speech under their further Consideration, and had come to a Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, with some Amendments, as follows:

*Resolved*, That a dutiful Address be made to his Majesty, expressing our most grateful Acknowledgment of his affectionate Regard to his People in the late Repeal of the *American Stamp Act*, so important to the interesting Connexions of his Realms, and at the same Time to declare our inviolable Attachment to his sacred Person, Crown and Dignity, and our fixed Intention of preserving that Harmony and Unanimity which should for ever exist through his whole Realm.

Mr *Bland* also reported that the Committee, not having Time to go through the Governor's Speech, had directed him to move for Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into a Committee on the said Speech on *Monday* next.

A *Petition* of *Joseph Cabell*, praying that a Ferry may be established from his Land, in *Buckingham County*, over the *Fluwannah River*, to the Land of *William Cabell*, in *Amherst County*, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof and report the same, with their Opinions thereupon to the House.

And then the House adjourned until Monday Morning 11 o'Clock.

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## Monday, the 17th of November. 7 Geo. III. 1766.

A *Petition* of *John Willoughby*, setting forth that he is seized of a Tract of Land in the Parish of *Elizabeth River*, and County of *Norfolk*, and sundry Negroes in Fee Taille; that most of the said Negroes are Females, either old, breeding Women, or Children, and rather a Charge than an Advantage to him and praying that he may have Leave to sell Part of the said Land, not exceeding 1000 Acres, adjoining to *Princess Anne County*, and part of the said Slaves not exceeding 20, in Order to purchase Men Slaves with the Money arising therefrom, and annex them to the entailed Premises, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in agreeable to the Prayer of the said *Petition*, and it is referred to Mr *Wythe* to prepare and bring in the same.

A *Claim* of *William Garrett*, for a Negroe condemned by the County Court of *Louisa* on the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of *August* 1759, and valued by the said Court at £45, was presented to the House and received.

The *Order* of the *Day* being read for the House again to resolve itself into a Committee to take into their further Consideration the Governor's Speech.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some Time spent therein, Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported that the Committee had had the same under their further Consideration but not having Time to go through the same, they had directed him to move for Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their further Consideration the Governor's Speech, To-morrow.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Newton* be added to the Committee appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts.

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Tuesday





Tuesday, the 18th of November, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

**M**R Landon Carter, from the Committee of Courts of Justice, reported that the Committee had according to Order inspected the Journals of the last Session of the last Assembly, and drawn up a State of the Matters then depending and undetermined, and the Progress that was made therein, and had agreed upon a Report; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and is as follows:

It appears to this Committee that on a Motion made to this House it was ordered that a Committee be appointed to ascertain the Price of sundry Indian Goods belonging to the Publick, purchased by Mr *Israel Christian*, and it was referred to Mr *Edmond Pendleton*, Mr *Travis*, Mr *Walker*, Mr *Hartwell Cocke*, Mr *Walke*, and Mr *Lewis*, to inspect the same, and report their Opinion thereon to the House; that the said Committee reported they had had the same under their Consideration, and come to several Resolutions thereon, which were read and agreed to by the House, as follow: That Mr *Christian* purchased of Mr *Thomas Walker* sundry goods belonging to the Publick, amounting (as rated by the Committee) to £136. 13. 9, after which Mr *Christian*, in his Way to the *Cherokee* Country, received from Cap<sup>t</sup> *William Ingles* some other Indian Goods belonging to the Publick, valued to £65. 16. 3 but whether the last mentioned Goods were purchased or taken by Mr *Christian* to be sold on Account of the Publick did not appear; that part of the Goods were sold in the Indian Country, and as Mr *Christian* was returning Home he was pursued by the *Indians*, and all his Effects taken from him and lost; and it was thereupon resolved that the said Mr *Christian* ought to pay to the Treasurer, for the Use of the Publick, the said £136. 13. 9 for the first mentioned Goods, and that the Residue of the Account ought to be referred to the Consideration of the then next Session of Assembly.

That a *Petition* of *Robert Ashby*, setting forth that *Nimrod Ashby* his Son was in the Year 1763 stationed on the Frontiers, with the Command of a detachment of Militia; that in the Month of *April* 1764 the said *Nimrod* received from the Treasurer a considerable Sum of Money, as well for his own Pay as the Pay due to his Men; that on his Return back to the Fort where his Men were stationed, in Order to pay them the Money respectively due to them, and to discharge some Debts he had been under a Necessity of contracting there, he was surprized by a Party of *Indians* who murdered him, and took from him £74, which has been since paid out of his Estate for the Purpose aforesaid, which, together with his ordinary Debts, had reduced his Estate, and left two poor helpless Orphans destitute of Bread; and praying the House would take the same into their Consideration, was presented to the House and read, and referred to the next Session of Assembly.

That a *Petition* of *Thomas Railey*, of the County of *Hanover*, setting forth that as *Shadrach Vaughan*, Under Sheriff of the County of *Henrico*, was removing a Prisoner to the Publick Gaol he impressed a valuable Mare of the Petitioner's, and the said *Vaughan*, without giving him notice, got the same appraised, by Persons who knew nothing of her Quality, to six Pounds, when the said Mare was worth a much greater Sum, and praying the Consideration of the House, was presented to the House and read, and referred to the then next Session of Assembly.

That a *Petition* of the Minister and Vestry of the Parish of *S<sup>t</sup> Mark*, in the County of *Culpeper*, praying that an Act may pass to empower them to sell the Glebe Land of the said Parish, and to purchase other Lands more convenient for a Glebe. Also a *Petition* of sundry Inhabitants of the said Parish and County in Opposition thereto; were presented to the House and read, and referred to the Consideration of the then next Session of Assembly.

That a *Petition* of *Frances Ashby* setting forth that her deceased Husband *Nimrod Ashby*, commanded a Company of Militia on the Frontiers in the Year 1763; that he was under the Necessity to advance his own Credit to furnish the Militia with Cloathes, and other Things fit for the Service; that he employed certain Persons as Pilots, or Run-





ners, who with several others empowered him to draw their Pay, which he did, and on his Return to the Frontiers was attacked by a Party of *Indians*, who murdered him, and took from him all his Money, to the Amount of Sixty six or sixty seven Pounds; and praying the Relief of this House, was referred to the Consideration of the then next Session of Assembly.

That a *Petition* of *William O'Bryan Goff*, and others, Branch Pilots on *Potowmack* River, setting forth many Hardships they labour under and praying the Consideration of the House, was presented to the House and read, and referred to the Consideration of the then next Session of Assembly.

That the *Claims* of *John Buchanan*, *Walter Johnston*, and *John Trimble*, were severally presented to the House and read; and referred to the Consideration of the then next Session of Assembly.

That an *Account* of the Damage done by the *Virginia* Regiment on the Plantations of *William* and *John Montgomery* was presented to the House, and read, and referred to the Consideration of the then next Session of Assembly. And

That fundry *Claims* for the Pay and Expenses of the Militia of different Counties, which had been rejected by the Committee of Claims, and orderd by the House to lie on the Table, were referred to the then next Session of Assembly.

*Ordered*, That that Part of the Report that relates to *Mr Israel Christian*, that was referred to the Consideration of the then next Session of Assembly.

Also the *Petitions* of *Robert Ashby*, *Thomas Railey*, and *Frances Ashby*, and the *Claims* of *John Buchanan*, *Walter Johnston*, and *John Trimble*, *William* and *John Montgomery*, and the fundry *Claims* for the Pay and Expenses of the Militia of different Counties mentioned in the said Report, be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the same; and report their Opinions thereupon to the House.

*Ordered*, That the *Petition* of the Minister and Vestry of the Parish of *S<sup>t</sup> Mark*, in the County of *Culpeper*, mentioned in the said Report, be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinions thereon, to the House.

*Ordered*, That the *Petition* of *William O'Bryan Goff*, mentioned in the said Report, be referred to the Committee of Trade; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinion thereon to the House.

*Ordered*, That *Mr Moseley* and *Mr Pendleton* be added to the Committee to state and settle the Treasurer's Accounts, appointed on the second Day of this Session.

A *Petition* of fundry Inhabitants of *Truro* Parish, in the County of *Fairfax*, praying that that Part of an Act of Assembly passed in 1765 for the Division of the said Parish as relates to the Glebe and Church Plate, may be repealed, and that a new Act of Assembly may pass to enable the Vestry of the said Parish to sell the said Glebe, paying the Parish of *Fairfax* its Proportion of what the said Glebe sells for, and to purchase a sufficient Glebe in such Part of the said Parish as they shall see convenient, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the same, with their Opinions thereupon to the House.

A *Petition* of *Benjamin Winslow*, setting forth that in the Year 1760, he received from his Honor the Governor a Recruiting Commission, with Instructions to enlist any Person young and healthy, without any Regard to Size, so that he had sound Legs, and did enlist one *John Burnley*, and paid him his whole Bounty, and Expenses from *Spotsylvania* County to *Fort Lewis*, who being small was refused by *Col<sup>o</sup> Andrew Lewis*, and praying that he may receive such Relief as this House shall think just.

Also a *Petition* of *Edward Booker*, acting Executor of *Richard Booker*, deceased, praying to be reimbursed for Arms impressed by his Testator as County Lieutenant in *Amelia*, for the Use of the Militia of the said County, and for which he has been sued; were severally presented to the House, and read.

*Ordered*



*Ordered*, That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the same, with their Opinions thereupon to the House.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported that the said Committee had had under their Consideration two Petitions to them referred, and had come to two Resolutions thereon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

*Resolved*, That the Petition of fundry Inhabitants of *Fauquier* County, praying that the Owners of Mills, Hedges, and Stops, erected on the River *Hedgman* and *Carter's Run*, in the said County, may make Openings or Slopes therein for the Passage of Fish is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of *Joseph Cabell* praying that a Ferry may be established from his Land, on the south Side of the *Fluvannah* River, in *Buckingham* County, across the said River, to the Land of *William Cabell* the Elder, on the North side of the said River, in the County of *Amherst*, is reasonable.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances to whom the Bill To oblige the Owners of Mills erected on *Little Roanoke* River to keep Waste or Tumbling Dams, was committed, that they receive a Clause or Clauses, pursuant to the first Resolution, and to extend the same from *Hedgman* River down to the Falls of *Rappahanock* River.

*Ordered*, also, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee to whom the Bill For establishing a Ferry from the Land of *John Dix*, on *Staunton* River, to the Land of *Lewis Green*, on the opposite side of the said River, was committed, that they receive a Clause or Clauses pursuant to the second Resolution.

A Petition of *William Tyler*, praying that the Act passed the last Session of Assembly, establishing a Ferry from the Land of Mr *George Wilson Spooner*, to *Cedar Point* in *Maryland*, within a Quarter of a Mile of the Petitioner's Ferry, may be repealed, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the same; with their Opinions thereupon to the House.

The Order of the Day being read for the House again to resolve itself into a Committee to take into their further Consideration the Governor's Speech.

*Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself into the said Committee To-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Wednesday. the 19th of November. 7 Geo. III. 1766.

A Petition of fundry Inhabitants of the Counties of *New Kent* and *James City*, praying that an Act may pass for a Division of the said Counties; that part of the upper End of the County of *James City* be added to *New Kent*, and the lower End of the County of *New Kent* be added to *James City*.

Also two Petitions of fundry Inhabitants of said Counties, in Opposition thereto; were severally presented to the House, and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the same, with their Opinions thereupon, to the House.

Mr *Charles Carter*, according to Order, presented to the House a Bill To direct the Collection of Taxes in Arrear from *King George* County for the Year 1765; and the same was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

On a Motion made.

The said Bill was read a second Time, and committed to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Thomas Harrison*, Mr *Joseph Cabell*, Mr *William Cabell*, and Mr *Jordan*.

Mr







Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances reported that they had had under their Consideration the Petition of *William Tyler* to them referred, and had come to the following Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Petition of *William Tyler*, praying that so much of an Act of Assembly passed in the third Year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled *An Act for establishing several new Ferries*, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, as appoints a Ferry to be kept from the Land of *George Wilson Spooner*, in *Westmoreland County*, over *Potowmack River*, to *Cedar Point* in *Maryland*, may be repealed, be rejected.

Mr *Cary* from the Committee of Claims, reported that they had had under their Consideration several Petitions to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Petition of *Robert Wooding*, for eleven Days Pay in the Quality of a Lieutenant Colonel, in viewing the Situation of the several Forts and Garrisons on the Frontiers of this Colony, in the Year 1758, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of *Baldwin Dade* and *Thomas Bunbury*, Inspectors at *Boyd's Hole* Warehouse, to reimburse them the Sum of £45. 10. 11. for five Hogheads of Tobacco, to wit, 3370 lbs. neat at 18s. per Cent in 1762, and 2174 lbs. neat at 14s. per Cent in 1763 and 1764, stolen out of the said Warehouse, which they have been obliged to pay to the Owners thereof, is reasonable and that they ought to be repaid the said Sum of £45. 10. 11 by the Publick.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of *Joseph Williams*, to reimburse him the Sum of £8, which he paid for a Horse impressed by him as Sheriff of *Lunenburg County*, to convey a Criminal to the Publick Gaol, which was lost in that Service is reasonable; and that he ought to be repaid the said Sum of £8 by the Publick.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of *John Harwood*, a wounded Soldier, for Relief from the Publick, is reasonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of £5 for his present Relief, and the further Sum of £5 *per Annum* during Life, as a Recompense for the Wounds he received in the Service of the Colony.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of *Elijah McClanahan*, to be reimbursed his Expence in the Care of his Wounds which he received from a Party of the Enemy *Indians* in the Year 1754, is reasonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of £25 by the Publick.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims do make the several Allowances in the Book of Claims agreeable to the four last Resolutions.

Sundry Militia Claims of *William Ramfay* were presented to the House, and received.

*Ordered*, That the said Claims be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Claims.

The Order of the Day being read for the House again to resolve itself into a Committee to take into their further Consideration the Governor's Speech.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee upon the said Speech; and after some Time spent therein, Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported that the Committee had had the said Speech under their Consideration, but not having Time to go through the same, they had directed him to move for Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their further Consideration the Governor's Speech, To-morrow.

A Petition of *Robert Bristow* of *Loudoun*, praying that an Act may pass to dock the Entail of sundry Tracts of Land whereof he is seized in Fee Taille, was presented to the House and read; and the Question being put that Leave be given to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of the said Petition.

It passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That the said Petition be rejected.

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Thursday



Thursday. the 20th of November. 7 Geo. III. 1766.

**M**R Wythe, according to Order, presented to the House a Bill to dock the Entail of certain Land and Slaves whereof *John Willoughby* Gentleman, is seized and possessed, and for other Purposes; and the same was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A *Petition of George Parker*, of the County of *Accomack*, praying that he may have Leave to pay a certain Sum in Lieu of a Legacy of £30 *per Annum* given by *Richard Bennett*, Esq<sup>r</sup>; late of the Province of *Maryland*, to the lower Parish of *Nansemond*, with which the Estate descended to him from the said *Bennett* stands charged, was presented to the House and read.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition, and it is referred to Mr *Bland* to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr *Landon Carter*, according to Order, presented to the House a Bill To empower Trustees to sell and convey certain Lands whereof *Charles Carter* the Elder is seized as Tenant in Fee Taille, and for other Purposes; and the same was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Ordered, That Mr *Washington* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House until *Wednesday* next.

A *Petition* of fundry Merchants, setting forth that some years ago an Act of Assembly passed for the Encouragement of Navigation, whereby *Virginia* Owners of Vessels were exempt from the Payment of the Duties of Tunnage and the Impost on Tobacco, and praying that as many of them are Part Owners of Vessels with Persons residing out of this Colony, that they may be entitled to the said Exemption, were presented to the House and read.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Trade; that they examine into the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereon, to the House.

On a Motion made,

The Bill To dock the Entail of certain Land and Slaves whereof *John Willoughby*, Gentleman, is seized and possessed and for other purposes, was read a second Time, and committed to Mr *Wythe*, the Members of *Princess Anne* and *Norfolk* Counties, Mr *Benjamin Harrison*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Hutchings*, and Mr *Wilson Miles Cary*.

A Claim of *Joseph Wood*, of *Culpeper* County, for a Gun impressed for the Use of the Militia, was presented to the House and received.

Ordered, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Claims.

The Order of the Day being read for the House again to resolve itself into a Committee to take into their further Consideration the Governor's Speech.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some Time spent therein, Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported that the Committee had had the said Speech under their further Consideration, and had come to two Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read and agreed to with some Amendments, as follow:

Resolved, That a Statute be raised to his Majesty, as a grateful Acknowledgment for repealing the Stamp Act, and thereby restoring the Rights and Privileges of his American Subjects, and consequently the Ease and Happiness of this Colony.

Resolved, That an Hoipital be erected for the Reception of Persons who are so unhappy as to be deprived of their reason.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propositions and Grievances do prepare and bring in a Bill, or Bills, pursuant to the above Resolutions.

On a Motion made,

Ordered







*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to enforce the Law relative to tending Seconds, and it is referred to Mr *Woodbridge* and Mr *Bland* to prepare and bring in the same.

A Claim of *John Martin*, for a Horse impressed into his Majesty's Service was presented to the House and received.

*Ordered*, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Claims.

*And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.*

## Friday, the 21st of November, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

A Petition of *Charles Minnis*, setting forth that in endeavouring to apprehend a Negro Man Slave, a Felon under Sentence of Death, who had lately broke Gaol, he received a dangerous Wound in his left Side from the said Felon, by which he has never been able to follow his Occupation as a Blacksmith, and praying the Consideration of this House, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the same, with their Opinions thereupon to the House.

Mr *Benjamin Harrison*, from the Committee of Trade, reported that they had had under Consideration two Petitions to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions thereon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

*Resolved*, That a Petition from Sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Fairfax*, praying that the Allowance for the Inspection of Flour be lowered to a Penny Halfpenny per Barrel, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That a Petition from fundry Merchants, and others, Inhabitants of this Colony, praying an Exemption from the Payment of Tunnage on Vessels and Impost on Tobacco, and to be allowed the same Privilege as *Virginia* Owners, as far as their respective Shares extend, be rejected.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Trade do prepare and bring in a Bill pursuant to the first Resolution.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom it is referred to bring in a Bill for erecting a Statute to his Majesty, pursuant to a Resolve of this House, that they receive a Clause, or Clauses, in the said Bill, for erecting an Obelisk to perpetuate the Glorious Repeal of the late unconstitutional Stamp Act; and also to express the Gratitude of this Colony to the several noble and worthy Patriots that distinguished themselves in both Houses of the Parliament of *Great Britain* on that happy Occasion, so essential to the just Rights and Liberties of the Subjects of the whole Realm.

On a Motion made,

*Resolved*, That the Number of Members to constitute a House, in Order to proceed on Business, shall be 50 at the least, exclusive of the Speaker.

The Order of the Day being read for the House to take into their further Consideration the State of the Colony.

*Resolved*, That this House will take the same into Consideration on *Wednesday* next.

*Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for a Call of the House be put off until *Wednesday* next.

A Petition of *Benjamin Temple*, praying to be allowed the Bounty, Expence, and Subsistence, of nine Men that he enlisted for the intended Expedition against the *Cherokees*, agreeable to the Instructions he received from his Honor the Governor, one of which



which he left sick in *King William*, five others deserted and the other three were refused by Col<sup>o</sup> *Lewis*, and also to be paid the sum of £78.10 due to him for the Balance of his Account, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the same, with their opinions thereupon, to the House.

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M<sup>r</sup> *Bland*, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported that the Committee had had under their consideration several Petitions to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions thereon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

*Resolved*, That the Petition of *Levin Teacle*, praying that an Act of Assembly may pass to empower him to cut a Drain or Ditch from his Land, through the Lands of *Samuel Bagg* and *Mary Bradford*, to the Head of *Malchapungo* Creek, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That the petition of sundry Inhabitants of *James City* and *New Kent* Counties, praying that that Part of *New Kent* County which lies on the lower Side of *Diascun* Creek, from the Mouth thereof to the Run or Swamp on which the Mill belonging to *John Blair*, Esq<sup>r</sup> stands, thence up the said Run or Swamp to a marked Red Oak at *Isaac Goddin's* Spring, near the said *Goddin's* House, thence eastwardly to a marked Perimmon at the Head of a Branch near the main Road on the lower Side of *Goddin's* House, thence down the said Branch to *Dangerfields* Mill, thence down that Mill Creek to *York River*, may be added to *James City* County, and that that Part of *James City* County which lies on the upper Side of the Bounds before described may be added to *New Kent* County, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of *New Kent* and *James City* Counties, in Opposition thereto, be rejected.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Propositions and Grievances do prepare and bring in a Bill, or Bills, pursuant to the first two Resolutions.

An Account of *William Mead*, for Sundries, was presented to the House and received.

*Ordered*, That the said Account be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Claims.

*Ordered*, That M<sup>r</sup> *Woodbridge* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House until this Day Se'nnight, and M<sup>r</sup> *Gaskins* until the second Tuesday in December.

And then the House adjourned until To-Morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

## Saturday. the 22nd of November. 7 Geo. III. 1766.

M<sup>r</sup> *Bland* from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill For adding Part of the County of *James City* to the County of *New Kent*, and part of the County of *New Kent* to the County of *James City*.

Also a Bill To enable *Levin Teacle* to drain a Parcel of Sunken Grounds in the County of *Accomack*, and the same were read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Petition of the Minister of *Antrim* Parish, in *Halifax* County, setting forth the vast Extent of the said Parish and County, and praying a Division of the same.

Also a Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Halifax*, praying a Division thereof.

Also a Petition of the Vestry of the Parish of *Cameron*, in the County of *Loudoun*, setting forth that before the Division of the said Parish from the Parish of *Truro* there was a Considerable Quantity of Church Plate belonging to the said Parish of *Truro*, no Part of which they have ever received, and praying that they may have their Proportion of the said Plate, or an Equivalent in Money; and the said Petitions were severally presented to the House, and read.

*Ordered*







*Ordered*, That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Petition of Augustine Claiborne, and Mary his Wife*, setting forth that they are seized in Fee Taille of Eleven Hundred Acres of Land in the County of *Chesterfield*, and praying that an Act may pass to enable them to sell the same, and the Money arising by such Sale to be laid out in the Purchase of Slaves, to be annexed to such Part of their other Lands as will be of equal Value to the said Eleven Hundred Acres, was presented to the House, and read.

*Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition and it is referred to Mr *Bland* to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr *William Cabell*, from the Committee to whom the Bill To direct the Collection of the Taxes in the County of *King George* for the Year 1765 was committed, reported that the Committee had made several Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill with the Amendments be engrossed, and read a third Time.

*And then the House adjourned until Monday Morning 11 o'Clock.*

## Monday, the 24th of November, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

TWO new Members having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, and also subscribed the Test, were admitted to their Places in the House.

A *Claim of Thomas Hord*, for a Negroe Man Slave that was outlawed and killed, was presented to the House and received.

*Ordered*, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Claims.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That Mr *Richard Stark* be appointed in the Room of Mr *George Davenport*, deceased, Clerk to the Committee of Correspondence with the Agent of this Colony in Great Britain.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Correspondence be directed to have the several Letters sent to them from the Agent of this Colony transcribed according to their Dates, in a Book to be kept for that Purpose.

A *Petition of Nathaniel West Dandridge*, setting forth that he is seized in Fee Taille of a valuable Tract of Land containing 5242 Acres, situate in the Parish of St. Martin, in the County of *Hanover*, and is possessed of fundry Slaves as his absolute Property; and praying that an Act may pass to allow him to sell 1466 Acres and an Half, Part of his Land, upon his settling Slaves of equal Value thereto.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition, and it is referred to Mr *Syme* and Mr *Pendleton* to prepare and bring in the same.

An engrossed Bill, entitled *An Act to direct the Collection of the Taxes in the Counties of King George and Buckingham for the Year 1766, and of the Publick Levy in the County of Fauquier for the Year 1765*, was read a third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Charles Carter* of *King George* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A *Petition of Charles Carter of Lancaster*, setting forth that about 14 or 15 Years ago Harry, a Negroe Slave belonging to him, attempted the Life of his Overseer, upon which



which a Warrant was issued to the Sheriff by a Justice of Peace directing him to apprehend the said Slave, dead or alive, and the said Slave endeavouring to make his Escape was fired at and killed; and praying to be allowed for the said Slave, was presented to the House and received; and the Question being put that the said Petition be referred to a Committee.

It passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That the said Petition be rejected.

A *Bill* to empower Trustees to sell and convey certain Lands, whereof *Charles Carter* the Elder is seized as Tenant in Fee Tail, and for other Purposes, was read a second Time, and committed to Mr *Robert Munford* of *Mecklenburg*, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Nicholas*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Wythe*, Mr *Robinson*, and the Members of *Lancaster*, *Culpeper*, *Stafford*, and *Fauquier* Counties.

Mr *Cary* presented to the House a Bill For giving a Salary to the Speaker of the House of Burgesses; and the said Bill was read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Tunstall* be added to the Committees of Propositions and Grievances and Privileges and Elections, and Mr *Meredith* to the Committee of Claims.

Mr *Bland* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill For appointing a Treasurer; and the same was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That the Administrators of the late Treasurer do lay his Accounts before this House.

A *Petition* of sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Augusta*, setting forth that great Numbers of People from the interior Parts of this Colony are desirous of settling on the Waters of the *Ohio*, and many *German* Emigrants are desirous of doing the same, but are deterred therefrom by reason of the Claims sundry Companies set up by Virtue of some old Grants obtained in *England*, and others from the Governor and Council of this Colony, the Terms of which have never been complied with (to the great Prejudice of his Majesty, as well as his Subjects) but the several Claimants under such Grants deter your Petitioners, and others, from entering for Land on those Waters; they are also prevented by Orders advertised by his Honor the Governor, forbidding the Surveyors to take any Entries beyond the Mountains; that they conceive if such Grants had not been made that the back Part of this Country would have been so well peopled that the Inhabitants would have been able to have repelled the Incursions of the *Indians*, and saved immense Sums to the Colony, already expended on that Account, besides producing large Quantities of Hemp and Flax as an Export to the Mother Country.

That so many Benefits to *Great Britain* and this Colony may be no longer delayed, they humbly pray that his Majesty may be addressed to give Leave that Lands may be entered for on the said Waters, and that the grants not yet complied with may be declared void and of no Effect.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock

## Tuesday, the 25th of November, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill To amend an Act entitled *An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to explain the Charges and enlarge the Privileges of the Borough of Norfolk, and for other purposes therein mentioned*; also one other Act entitled *An Act for enlarging and ascertaining the Limits of the Borough of Norfolk, and for other purposes therein mentioned*; and it is referred to Mr *Hutchings* to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr







Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for erecting a Statue of his Most Excellent Majesty and an Obelisk to commemorate the Services of sundry noble and worthy Patriots of *Great Britain*; and the same was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr *Pendleton*, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported that the Committee had had under their Consideration the Returns of several Writs for electing Burgesses to serve in this present General Assembly, and have come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

*Resolved*, That the Returns of the Writs for electing Burgesses to serve in this present General Assembly for *James City County*, *Jamestown*, and *Loudoun County*, are made in the Form prescribed by Law.

*Resolved*, That the Returns of the Writs for electing Burgesses to serve in this present General Assembly for the Counties of *Hanover* and *King and Queen* are not made in the Form prescribed by Law.

*Ordered*, That the returns of the respective Writs for electing Burgesses for the Counties of *Hanover* and *King and Queen* be amended by the Clerk at the Table.

Mr *Bland* reported that the Committee appointed had according to Order, prepared an Address to his Majesty; and he read the same in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table where the same was again twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be fairly transcribed, that it be signed by the Speaker of the House of Burgesses, and be by him transmitted to the Agent for this Colony, in Order to be laid before the Kings Most Excellent Majesty.

A *Petition* of sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Southampton*; setting forth the great Expence they have been at in building Bridges, and keeping them in Repair, and praying that an Act may pass to empower the Justices of the said County to erect Gates, or Turnpikes, on such Bridges as are built over the River *Nottoway* in the said County, and to demand and receive a Toll from such Persons as pass or repass over the same (the Inhabitants of the said County excepted) was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the same, with their Opinions thereon, to the House.

A *Bill* To enable *Levin Teacle* to drain a Parcel of sunken Ground in the County of *Accomack*, was read the second Time, and the Question being put that the said Bill be engrossed and read a third Time.

It passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That the said Bill be rejected.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported that the Committee had had under their further Consideration two petitions to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

*Resolved*, That the petition of the Vestrymen, Freeholders, and Inhabitants of the Parish of *Truro*, in the County of *Fairfax*, praying that an Act of Assembly may pass to enable the Vestry of the said Parish to sell their Church Plate, and Glebe Lands, and to purchase a Glebe in such Part of the said Parish as they shall think convenient, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That the petition of the Vestry of the parish of *Cameron*, in the County of *Loudoun*, praying that they may have an equal Proportion of the Church Plate belonging to the said Parish, before the Division of the same from the parish of *Truro* in the County of *Fairfax*, is reasonable.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Propositions and Grievances do prepare and bring in a Bill, or Bills, pursuant to both Resolutions.

Mr *Cary* from the Committee of Claims, reported that the Committee had had under their Consideration several Matters to them referred and had come to the following Resolutions





Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House, with an Amendment, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Claim of *Thomas Hord*, for a Slave who was outlawed and killed, is reasonable, and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of Sixty Pounds, to which the said Slave was valued by the County Court of *Fauquier*.

*Resolved*, That the Allegations of the petition of *Charles Minnis* are true, and that he ought to be allowed by the publick the Sum of £ 25, to reimburse him so much of the Doctors Accounts as they think reasonable and just; and that the further Sum of £25 ought to be allowed him, as a Compensation for the Loss of his Health and Time, occasioned by the said Wound he received.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Claims to make the respective Allowances in the Book of Claims, pursuant to the said Resolutions.

*Mr Pendleton* according to Order, laid the late Treasurer's Accounts before the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Accounts be referred to the Committee to state and settle the Treasurer's Accounts, appointed on the second Day of this Session.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill To amend so much of an Act of Assembly passed in the Thirtieth Year of his late Majesty's Reign, entitled *An Act for the better regulating and disciplining the Militia, as relates to the appointment of Patrollers*; and it is referred to *Mr Archibald Cary* and *Mr Bland* to prepare and bring in the same.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That the hearing of the Petition of *William Fitzhugh*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of *Mr Thompson Mason*, referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, be put off to *Thursday* the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of *December* next.

A Claim of *William Ramsay*, for a Horse impressed into the Publick Service was presented to the House and received.

*Ordered*, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Claims.

*And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.*

### Wednesday, the 25th of November, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

**M***R Landon Carter*, from the Committee for Courts of Justice, reported that the Committee had, according to Order, examined what Laws have expired since the last Assembly, and inspected such temporary Laws as will expire with the End of this Session or are near expiring, and have agreed upon a Report, and come to several Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to, with some Amendments, as follow:

*Resolved*, That the Act of Assembly made in the twenty fifth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King *George* the second, entitled *An Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves to be paid by the Buyers, for the Term therein mentioned*, which hath been continued by two other Acts made in the twenty seventh and thirty second Years of his said late Majesty's Reign, and will expire the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of *April* 1767, ought to be further continued.

*Resolved*, That the Act of Assembly made in the thirty third Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King *George* the second, entitled *An Act to oblige the Persons bringing Slaves into this Colony from Maryland, Carolina, and the West Indies for their own Use, to pay a Duty*, and which will expire the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of *April* 1767, ought to be continued.

*Resolved*, That the Act of Assembly made in the first Year of his Majesty's Reign, entitled *An Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies*, and which will expire at the End of this present Session of Assembly, ought to be continued.

*Resolved*

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VII. p. 93.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid. VI. p. 217.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid, VII. p. 338.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid, VII. p. 397.





*Resolved*, That the Act of Assembly made in the third Year of his Majesty's Reign, entitled *An Act for the more effectual keeping the publick Roads and Bridges in Repair*, and which will expire at the End of this present Session of Assembly, ought to be continued.

*Resolved*, That the Act of Assembly made in the third Year of his Majesty's Reign, entitled *An Act for establishing Pilots, and regulating their Fees*, and which will expire at the End of this present Session of Assembly, ought to be continued.

*Resolved*, That the Act of Assembly made in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the second, entitled *An Act for reducing the several Acts for making Provision against Invasions and Insurrections into one Act*, which was continued by two other Acts made in the third and fifth Years of his present Majesty's Reign, and which will expire the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1767, ought to be continued.

*Resolved*, That the Act of Assembly made in the thirty second Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the second, entitled *An Act for reducing the several Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act*, which was continued by two other Acts made in the first and fifth Years of his present Majesty's Reign, and which will expire on the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1767, ought to be further continued, with Amendments.

*Resolved*, That the Act of Assembly made in the fifth Year of his Majesty's Reign, entitled *An Act for amending the staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*, and which will expire on the first Day of October 1767, ought to be continued.

*Resolved*, That the Act of Assembly made in the nineteenth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the second, entitled *An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, which hath been continued by several Acts and amended by two other Acts made in the first and third Years of his present Majesty's Reign, and which will expire the twelfth Day of April 1767, ought to be further continued, with Amendments.

*Resolved*, That the Act of Assembly made in the fifth Year of his Majesty's Reign, entitled *An Act for increasing the Reward for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the respective Counties wherein the Services shall be performed*, and which will expire the first Day of June 1768, ought to be continued, with Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Trade do prepare and bring in a Bill, or Bills, pursuant to the *first, second, fifth, and seventh* Resolutions; the Committee for Courts of Justice, pursuant to the *third and ninth* Resolutions; and the Committee of propositions and Grievances, pursuant to the *fourth, sixth, eighth, and tenth* Resolutions.

A *Petition* of fundry Inhabitants of the Counties of *Lancaster and Northumberland*, setting forth that by the present Act of Assembly for amending the Staple of Tobacco the relanding Tobacco at any Publick Warehouse is prohibited, which is often attended with bad Consequences, by detaining the Vessels much longer in the Country on unnecessary Charges than otherwise would be; and praying that an Act may pass that the several Landlords (where it is necessary) may build Houses at their own Expence for that Purpose, or upon Refusal to build allow any Merchant so to do at any of the Publick Warehouses, in Order to receive all such Tobacco.

Also a *Petition* of the Minister of *St. David's Parish*, in *King William County*, setting forth that many of his Parishioners living on *Pamunkey River* carry their Tobacco to a *Hanover* Inspection, and pay their Levies there, where the Market is considerably higher than in *King William*, a proportionable Part of which he conceives he has a legal Right to, yet finds himself deprived of by the Parish Collectors, who he has Reason to believe convert the Tobacco they collect in the Country to their own Use, and pay him off with Tobacco of inferior Value in *King William*, to his great Detriment, and praying they will take the Matter into Consideration; and the said Petitions were severally presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the same with their Opinions thereon to the House.

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<sup>1</sup> Hening, VII. p. 577.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.* VIII. p. 69.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.* VII. p. 580.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.* V. p. 326.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.* VII. p. 106.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.* VIII. p. 147.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.* VII. p. 265.





Mr *Landon Carter*, from the Committee to whom the Bill To vest certain Lands therein mentioned, whereof *George Carter*, Esq<sup>r</sup> died seized in Fee Simple in certain Trustees therein named, to be sold for Performance of his Will, was committed, reported that they had made several Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed and read a third Time.

The House being informed that the Sheriff of *Augusta* attended at the Door, in Custody of the Serjeant at Arms.

*Ordered*, That he amend his Return of the Writ for electing Burgesses for the said County in the Office, and that he be discharged out of Custody, paying Fees.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported that the Committee had had under their Consideration several Petitions to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions thereupon:

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the petition of the Minister and Inhabitants of *St. Mark's* Parish, in the County of *Culpeper*, praying that an Act may pass to empower the Vestry of the said Parish to sell their Glebe, and from the Money arising by the Sale thereof to purchase a better and more convenient Glebe, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the petition of fundry Inhabitants of the said Parish of *St. Mark*, in Opposition thereto, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Petition of fundry Inhabitants of *Southampton* County, praying that an Act may pass to empower the Justices of the said County to erect Gates or Turnpikes, on such Bridges as are built over *Nottoway* River, in the said County; and to take a Toll from all Persons (other than the Inhabitants of the said County) who shall pass and repass over the said Bridges, is reasonable.

The *third* Resolution being read a second Time, and the Question put that the House agree thereto.

It passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of *Southampton* praying that an Act may pass to empower the Justices of the said County to erect Gates or Turnpikes, on the Bridges over the River *Nottoway*, in the said County be rejected.

The other *Resolutions* being read a second Time, and the Question severally put that the House agree thereto,

Resolved in the Affirmative.

A *Bill* For appointing a Treasurer.

Also a *Bill* For giving a Salary to the Speaker of the House of Burgesses, were severally read a second Time, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House to take into Consideration the State of the Colony.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the House again to resolve itself into a Committee to take into their further Consideration the State of the Colony.

*Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself into the said Committee Tomorrow.

*Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for a Call of the House be put off until Tomorrow.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported; according to Order, a Bill To empower the Vestry of the Parish of *Truro*, in the County of *Fairfax*, to sell their Glebe and Church Plate, and for other Purposes therein mentioned; and the same was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr *Cary*, from the Committee of Claims, reported that the Committee had had under their Consideration several Matters to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

*Resolved*. That the Claim of *John Martin*, for his Horse impressed in his Majesty's Service, to carry an Express to Col<sup>l</sup> *Byrd*, be rejected.

*Resolved*





*Resolved*, That the Petition of *Thomas Baylis*, for a Reward of £10, for taking up a Negroe Felon who had stolen a Horse, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of *William Pemberton*, to be allowed for his Negroe Man Slave *Bob*, who was outlawed and found dead in the Woods, be rejected.

A Bill For adding part of the County of *James City* to the County of *New Kent*, and Part of the County of *New Kent* to the County of *James City*, was read a second Time, and committed to the Members of *New Kent*, *James City*, and *Hanover* Counties.

*And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.*

## Thursday. the 27th of November, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

**M**<sup>R</sup> *Benjamin Harrison*, from the Committee of Trade, presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill To continue an Act entitled *An Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers.*

*Also a Bill To continue an Act entitled An Act to oblige the Persons bringing Slaves into this Colony from Maryland, Carolina; and the West Indies, for their own Use, to pay a Duty.*

*Also a Bill To continue an Act entitled An Act for establishing Pilots and regulating their Fees; and the said Bills were read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.*

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill To explain the Act entitled *An Act prescribing the Method of proving Book Debts*; and it is referred to *Mr Landon Carter*, and *Mr Richard Henry Lee*, to prepare and bring in the same.

A Petition of *Constant Woodson*, setting forth that she has discovered an effectual Remedy for curing Cancers, which she for a valuable Consideration will Communicate to the Publick; and praying such a Reward as the House shall think reasonable, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to *Mr Nicholas*, *Mr Landon Carter*, *Mr Archibald Cary*, and *Mr Bland*.

*Mr Bland* presented to the House two Letters from the Agent of this Colony that had come to Hand since the former Letters were laid before the House, which were read.

*Ordered*, That the said Letters do lie on the Table.

A Petition of *James Meredith*, praying to be allowed for a Negroe Man Slave that was outlawed and Shot.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the same, with their Opinions thereupon, to the House.

The Order of the Day being read for the House again to resolve itself into a Committee to take into their further Consideration the State of the Colony.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, *Mr Speaker* resumed the Chair, and *Mr Blair* reported that the Committee had had under their further Consideration the State of the Colony, and had made several Amendments to the Bill For appointing a Treasurer.

*Also to the Bill For giving a Salary to the Speaker of the House of Burgesses*, to them referred; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House, with some Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the said Bills, with the Amendments, be engrossed; and read a third Time.

*Mr Blair* informed the House that the Committee had directed him to move for Leave to sit again on the State of the Colony.

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into a Committee on the State of the Colony on *Tuesday* next.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That the Order of the Day for a Call of the House be put off until *Tuesday* next.

*And then the house adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.*

## Friday, the 28th of November, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

**M**<sup>R</sup> *Bland*, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill For further continuing the Act for reducing the several Acts for making Provision against Invasions and Insurrections into one Act.

*Also a Bill* For continuing an Act entitled *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs.*

*Also a Bill* For further continuing an Act for the more effectual keeping the public Roads and Bridges in Repair.

*Also a Bill* For continuing an Act entitled *An Act for increasing the Reward for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the Counties wherein the Services shall be performed*; and the said Bills were read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

*Mr Nicholas*, from the Committee to whom the Bill For adding Part of the County of *James City* to the County of *New Kent*, and Part of the County of *New Kent* to the County of *James City*, was committed, reported that they had made several Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed, and read a third Time.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill To remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony; and it is referred to *Mr John Lee*, *Mr Simpson*, *Mr Pendleton*, *Mr Bland*, *Mr Munford of Mecklenburg*, *Mr Carrington*, *Mr Edward Carter*, *Mr John Bolling*, *Mr Eyre*, *Mr Archibald Cary*, *Mr Alexander*, *Mr Parramore*, *Mr Harmanfon*, *Mr Grymes*, and *Mr Richard Henry Lee*, to prepare and bring in the same.

*Mr Benjamin Harrison*, from the Committee of Trade, reported that the Committee had had under their Consideration a Petition to them referred, and had come to the following Resolution thereon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Petition of *William O'Bryan Goff*, and others Branch Pilots on *Potowmack* River, setting forth many Hardships they labour under, and praying the Consideration of this House, be rejected.

He also reported, from the said Committee, a Bill for lessening the Allowance for the Inspection of Flour; and the said Bill was read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time.

The House being informed that *Charles Smith*, to whom an Allowance was formally given, had deceived the House in the Representation of his Case to them.

*Ordered*, That the said Information be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Matter thereof, and report their Opinions thereon to the House.

*Mr Bland* from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported that the Committee had had under their Consideration several Petitions to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered







delivered in at the Table, where the same was again twice read, and agreed to, with an Amendment, and are as follow:

*Resolved*, That the Petition of fundry Merchants, Inspectors, and Planters, of the Counties of *Northumberland* and *Lancaster*, praying that the several Proprietors of the Publick Warehouses for Reception of Tobacco may build Houses at their own Expence, and be allowed the Liberty of receiving all Tobacco which may be removed by the Owner of the said Tobacco from the Warehouses to the Houses so to be built against the Arrival of the Ship, or Vessel on Board which the said Tobacco was first intended to be shipped, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of *Alexander White*, Clerk, in Behalf of himself, and other Clergymen in the like Situation, praying that the Collectors of the Parish Levies may pay them their Salaries in the Tobacco Notes which the said Collectors receive; be rejected, the same being already amply provided for by Law.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of fundry Inhabitants of *Halifax* County, praying that the said County may be divided by the Line therein expressed, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of the Minister and Inhabitants of the Parish of *Antrim*, in the County of *Halifax*, praying that the said Parish may be divided, is reasonable.

*Ordered*, That the first Resolution do lie on the Table

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Propositions and Grievances do prepare and bring in a Bill or Bills, pursuant to the two last Resolutions.

An engrossed *Bill*, entitled *An Act for giving a Salary to the Speaker of the House of Burgeffes*, was read a third Time.

Also an engrossed *Bill*, entitled *An Act for appointing a Treasurer*, was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said Bills do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Blair* do carry them to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Petition of *Robert Donaldson*, setting forth that he has received several Wounds in the Service of this Colony, and is now blind, and rendered incapable of doing any sort of Work for a Livelihood; and praying the Consideration of this House, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

On a Motion made,

*Resolved*, That no Person, except the Members of his Majesty's Council, shall be admitted into the Gallery, unless introduced by some of the Members of this House; and the Serjeant at Arms is directed to see that this Resolution is duly executed.

Mr *Cary* reported that the Committee of Claims had had under their Consideration several Matters to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and are as follows:

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Claim of *William Mead*, for Pay for himself and Company as per Roll, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that so much of the Claim of *William Ramsay* as relates to an Allowance to be made him by the Publick for his Mare Impressed by the Sheriff of *Essex* County to remove a Criminal to the Publick Gaol, be rejected; and that the Residue of the said Claim for Hire of the said Mare, is reasonable, and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of fourteen Shillings for the same.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Claim of *Joseph Wood*, for a Gun for the Use of the Militia, is reasonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of £1. 15 for the same.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Petition of *Edward Booker*, acting Executor of *Richard Booker*, deceased, for an Allowance for fundry Arms impressed by the said Decedent for the Use of the Militia, be rejected, for Want of sufficient Proof.

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Claim of *John* and *William Montgomery*, to be allowed for Damages done by the *Virginia* Regiment, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Petition of *Benjamin Temple*, to be allowed the Bounty, Expence, and Subsistence, of nine Recruits enlisted and marched by him to the Place of Rendezvous, where they were refused by Col<sup>o</sup> *Andrew Lewis*, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Petition of *Benjamin Winslow*, to be allowed the Bounty, Expence, and Subsistence, of one Recruit, enlisted and marched by him to Fort *Lewis*, where he was refused by Col<sup>o</sup> *Andrew Lewis*, be rejected.

The *first*, *second*, *third*, *fourth*, *fifth* and *seventh* Resolutions, being severally read a second Time, and the question put that the House agree thereto,

*Resolved* in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, that the Committee of Claims do make the respective Allowances in the Book of Claims, agreeable to the second and third Resolutions.

The *sixth* Resolution being read a second Time,

*Ordered*, That the same be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

A Petition of *Ralph Wormeley*, setting forth that he is seized in Fee Taille of a Tract of Land in the Parish of *York Hampton*, and County of *York*, containing 1800 Acres; and praying an Act may pass to allow him to sell the same, on his settling a Tract of 4000 Acres in the County of *Frederick* to the same Uses, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition and it is referred to Mr *Pendleton* to prepare and bring in the same.

A Bill, To empower the Vestry of the Parish of *Truro* in the County of *Fairfax*, to sell their Glebe and Church Plate, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, was read a second Time, and committed to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

## Saturday. the 29th of November. 7 Geo. III. 1766.

ON a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That the Treasurer be directed to send for the latest and best Edition of the Votes of the House of Commons of *Great Britain*, as they are now published complete for many Years past to be preserved in the Clerk's Office of this House, for the Use of the House.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill To amend an Act entitled *An Act for preventing Frauds in the Customs and in clearing of Ships, for ascertaining Collectors and Naval Officers Fees, and to prohibit and prevent the casting Ballast or dead Bodies, into Rivers or Creeks*; and it is referred to Mr *Eyre* and Mr *Parramore*, to prepare and bring in the same.

An engrossed Bill, entitled *An Act for adding Part of the County of James City to the County of New Kent and part of the County of New Kent to the County of James City*, was read a third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Bill for Lessening the Allowance for the Inspection of Flour was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read the third Time.

A Bill For continuing an Act entitled *An Act for increasing the Reward for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the Counties wherein the Services shall be performed*, was read a second Time.

*Ordered*,

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VI, p. 94.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 208.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 147.







Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

A Bill To continue an Act entitled *An Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyer*, was read a second Time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third Time.

A Bill to continue an Act entitled *An Act to oblige Persons bringing Slaves into this Colony from Maryland, Carolina, and the West Indies, for their own Use, to pay a Duty*, was read a second Time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third Time.

A Bill to continue an Act entitled *An Act for establishing Pilots, and regulating their Fees*, was read a second Time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third Time.

A Bill For further continuing an Act for the more effectual keeping the Publick Roads and Bridges in Repair was read a second Time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third Time.

A Bill For continuing an Act entitled *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco and preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*, was read a second Time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.

A Bill for further continuing the Act for reducing the several Acts for making Provision against Invasions and Insurrections into one Act was read a second Time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third Time.

And then the House adjourned until Monday Morning 11 o'Clock.

## Monday, the 1st of December. 7 Geo. III. 1766.

ON a Motion made,

Resolved, That thirty Members be a sufficient Number to call the House and to send for the absent Members.

An engrossed Bill, entitled *An Act to vest certain Lands therein mentioned, whereof George Carter, Esq<sup>r</sup> died seized in Fee Simple in certain Trustees therein named, to be sold for Performance of his Will*, was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Resolved that the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr Landon Carter do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Petition of Robert Willis, setting forth that he has served as a Soldier in the Armies of Great Britain ever since the Year 1709; that he came to Virginia in 1739, and in the year 1740 served under Governor Gooch in the Expedition to Carthagena, with whom he returned to Virginia, and served as a Soldier under Capt. Spotswood, and was in several Engagements against the French and Indians; that he is now old, infirm, and unable to labour for his Support, and praying the Consideration of this House, was presented to the House and read.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the same with their Opinion thereon, to the House.

Mr Syme, according to Order, presented to the House a Bill To vest certain entailed Lands in Nathaniel West Dandridge Esq<sup>r</sup>; in Fee Simple, and for settling Slaves in Lieu thereof; and the same was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

An engrossed Bill, entitled *An Act to continue an Act entitled An Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves to be paid by the Buyers*, was read a third Time and a Blank therein filled up; and the Question being put that the said Bill do pass.

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<sup>1</sup> Heneg. IV, p. 317.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., VII, p. 338.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., VI, p. 490.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 69.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 215.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 190.



It passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That the said Bill be rejected.

An engrossed *Bill*, entitled *An Act to continue an Act entitled An Act to oblige the Persons bringing Slaves into this Colony from Maryland, Carolina and the West Indies for their own Use, to pay a Duty*, was read a third Time and a Blank therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr Benjamin Harrison do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engrossed *Bill*, entitled *An Act for lessening the Allowance for Inspection of Flour*, was read a third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr Benjamin Harrison do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill For amending and further continuing the several Acts for laying a Duty on Slaves, and it is referred to Mr Pendleton to prepare and bring in the same.

An engrossed *Bill*, entitled *An Act to continue an Act entitled An Act for establishing Pilots, and regulating their Fees*, was read a third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr Benjamin Harrison do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engrossed *Bill*, entitled *An Act for further continuing the Act for reducing the several Acts for making Provision against Invasions and Insurrections into one Act* was read a third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr Bland do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

## Tuesday, the 2nd of December, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

ON a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the State of the Clerk's Office of this House, and to consist of the following Persons: Mr Bland, Mr Richard Lee, Mr Pendleton, Mr Landon Carter, Mr Bowler Cocke, Mr Carrington, and Mr Henry.

Mr John Lee, from the Committee appointed; presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill To remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr Landon Carter, from the Committee for Courts of Justice, presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill For continuing the Act entitled *An Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies*, and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr Bland from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill For dividing the County of *Halifax* and Parish of *Antrim*; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

He Also reported that the Committee of Propositions and Grievances had had under their Consideration a Bill To empower the Vestry of the Parish of *Truro*, in the County of *Fairfax*, to sell their Glebe and Church Plate, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, and had made no Amendments thereto.

*Ordered*,

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 194.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 198.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 197.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 189.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, VII, p. 397.







*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third Time.

*Ordered*, what Mr Landon Carter have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House the Remainder of this Session, and Mr Brooks until To-morrow Se'nnight.

Mr Bland, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom the Bill For continuing an Act entitled *An Act for increasing the Reward for killing Wolves within certain Counties, wherein the Services shall be performed*, was committed, reported that the Committee had had the same under their Consideration, and had made several Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill with the Amendments, be engrossed, and read a third Time.

A Bill for erecting a Statue to his Most Excellent Majesty and an Obelisk to commemorate the Services of fundry noble and worthy Patriots of *Great Britain*, was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Thursday next.

A Petition of fundry Inhabitants of *Suffolk Parish*, in *Nansemond County* praying that the Act of Assembly, passed in the fourth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, For exempting the Inhabitants of *Elizabeth City County*, and the Minister and Inhabitants of *Suffolk Parish* in *Nansemond County*, from Payment of Ferriages, etc., and for other Purposes therein mentioned, as far as relates to the said Parish, may be repealed, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinion thereon to the House.

A Bill To vest certain entailed Lands in *Nathaniel West Dandridge, Esq<sup>r</sup>*; in Fee Simple, and for settling Slaves in Lieu thereof, was read a second Time, and committed to the Members of *Hanover, Louisa and Caroline*.

The Order of the Day being read for the House again to resolve itself into a Committee on the State of the Colony.

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into a Committee on the State of the Colony on Friday next.

*And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.*

## Wednesday, the 3rd of December, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

MR Landon Carter, from the Committee for Courts of Justice, presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill For further continuing and amending the Act entitled *An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other purposes therein mentioned*; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr Benjamin Harrison, from the Committee of Trade, presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill To continue and amend an Act entitled *An Act for reducing the several Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act*; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill To empower the Executors of *Charles Carter* to dispose of some Part of his real Estate, for the Payment of his just Debts and Legacies; and it is referred to Mr Landon Carter to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr Eyre, from the Persons appointed, presented to the House, according to order, a Bill To amend an Act entitled *An Act for preventing Frauds in the Customs, and in clearing*

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 147.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, V, p. 326.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VII, p. 265.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, VI, p. 94.



*clearing of Ships, for ascertaining Collectors and naval Officers Fees, and to prohibit and prevent the casting Ballast or dead Bodies into Rivers or Creeks; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.*

*A Petition of Luke Luker, of the County of Accomack, praying that he may be admitted to keep a Ferry from Pungoteague in the said County to York, Hampton, Norfolk, and the Places adjacent.*

*Also a Petition of Thomas Talbot, setting forth that some Years ago he purchased of one Robert Todd a Piece of Land, with Storehouses thereon, lying on the main Street in the Borough of Norfolk; that he laid off a Street 26 Feet wide, between the said Storehouses and the main Street, leading to a back Creek, for the Benefit of the Publick; that since the said Purchase, upon a Survey, he finds that the greatest Part of one of the said Houses lies on the Publick Land, and praying that he may be allowed the Publick Land whereon his said Storehouse stands, and as much as will make up the said 26 Feet he gave to the Publick; were severally presented to the House, and read.*

*Ordered, That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the same, with their Opinions thereon, to the House.*

*On a Motion made,*

*Ordered, That Mr Bland, to whom it was referred to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer of George Parker's Petition, that he be discharged from the same, and that the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they inquire into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereon to the House.*

*A Petition of Robert Beverly, Esq<sup>r</sup>; setting forth that he is seized of a Tract of Land containing 2800 Acres in the Counties of King and Queen and Caroline, and one other Tract of 50 Acres in the County of Effex, in Fee Taille, and that he is seized in Fee Simple of one Moiety of a Tract of Land in the County of Culpeper, containing 7100 Acres; and praying that an Act may pass to enable him to sell the said entailed Lands, and to settle the aforementioned Moiety of 7100 Acres in Lieu thereof, was presented to the House and read.*

*Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition, and it is referred to Mr Robert Munford of Mecklenburg, and Mr Pendleton to prepare and bring in the same.*

*A Message from the Council by Mr Walthoe.*

*That they have agreed to the Bill entitled An Act<sup>1</sup> for adding Part of the County of James City to the County of New Kent, and Part of the County of New Kent to the County of James City.*

*Also to the Bill entitled An Act<sup>2</sup> to direct the Collection of the Taxes in the Counties of King George and Buckingham for the Year 1766, and of the Publick Levy in the County of Fauquier for the Year 1765, without Amendments.*

*Also to the Bill entitled An Act<sup>3</sup> to vest certain Lands therein mentioned, whereof George Carter, Esq<sup>r</sup> died seized in Fee Simple in certain Trustees therein named, to be sold for Performance of his Will, with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.*

*Also to the Resolve For appointing William Rind the Publick Printer.*

*The House immediately proceeded to the Consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, entitled An Act<sup>4</sup> to vest certain Lands therein mentioned, whereof George Carter, Esq<sup>r</sup> died seized in Fee Simple, in certain Trustees therein named, to be sold for Performance of his Will, and the same being twice read, were agreed to.*

*Ordered, That Mr Landon Carter do go up to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the Amendments proposed by them to the said Bill.*

*Mr Bland, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported that the said Committee had had under their Consideration the Petition of the Vestry and other*  
Inhabitants

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 208.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 201.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 215.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 215.







Inhabitants of *Suffolk Parish in Nansemond County*, to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the same was again twice read, and agreed to by the House as follows:

*Resolved*, That the said Petition, praying that so much of an Act of Assembly passed in the third Year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled *An Act for exempting the Inhabitants of Elizabeth City County, and also the Ministers and other Parishioners of Suffolk in Nansemond, and of Antrim Parish in Halifax, from the Payment of Ferriage, and for other purposes therein mentioned, as relates to the Exemption of the Minister and Parishioners of Suffolk, in the said County of Nansemond, from the Payment of Ferriage on Sundays, and other Days of Publick Worship*, may be repealed, be rejected.

An engrossed Bill, entitled *An Act for continuing an Act entitled An Act for increasing the Reward for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the Counties wherein the Services shall be performed*, was read a third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr Bland do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engrossed Bill, entitled *An Act to empower the Vestry of the Parish of Truro, in the County of Fairfax, to sell their Glebe and Church Plate, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read a third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr Bland do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Bill for dividing the County of *Halifax*, and Parish of *Antrim*, was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

A Bill For continuing an Act entitled *An Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies*, was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third Time.

The Order of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to take under their Consideration the Bill For continuing an Act entitled *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*.

*Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself into the said Committee Tomorrow.

Mr Cary, from the Committee of Claims reported that the said Committee had had under their Consideration several Matters to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and, then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and are as follow:

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that *William Ramsay* ought to be allowed the Sum of £ 56.2.10 Half penny, for the Provisions, in his Account mentioned, furnished the Militia stationed on the South Branch; and that the Residue of his said Account, being for Tomhawks for the Use of the Regiment, and for the Pay of the Militia under the Command of Captain *Robert Pearis*, be rejected, it appearing that the said *Pearis* has been allowed for Pay Rolls since the Date of this Account.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Account of *Alexander Woddrow* and Company, for Sundries therein mentioned be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Petition of *James Meredith*, to be allowed for his Negroe Man *Will*, who was outlawed and shot, is reasonable, and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of £ 55.4 for his said Slave.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Petitions of *Francis* and *Robert Ashby*, to be reimbursed the Sum of £ 66 or £ 67, said to have been taken from *Nimrod Ashby* by a Party of *Indians*, by whom it was supposed he was killed, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the petition of *Robert Willis*, a Soldier, who from the Infirmities of old age, and the Hardships he has suffered in the Service of this Colony, is rendered incapable of getting a Livelihood, is reasonable; and that

\* This act was passed during the fourth year of the reign of George III. Hening, VIII, p. 52.

† *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 202.

‡ *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 69

\* Hening's, VIII, p. 200.

† *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 397.



that he ought to be allowed the Sum of £5 *per Annum* during Life, towards his Support

The *last* Resolution being read a second Time, and the Question being put that the House agree thereto,

It passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of *Robert Willis* be rejected.

The 2<sup>d</sup>, 3<sup>d</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Resolutions, being read a second Time, and the Question put that the House agree thereto.

*Resolved* in the Affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the 1<sup>st</sup> Resolution be recommitted to the Committee of Claims.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims do make an Allowance in the Book of Claims pursuant to the 3<sup>d</sup> Resolution.

*And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.*

## Thursday, the 4th of December, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

**A** Petition of the Vestry of *Lunenburg Parish*, in the County of *Richmond*, setting forth that they have lately purchased a Tract of Land adjoining the Glebe of the said Parish, which they are desirous of annexing to the same, and praying that an Act may pass for that Purpose, except as to a small Part thereof which is intended to be laid off for a Poor House, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition, and it is referred to Mr *Landon Carter* to prepare and bring in the same.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill For the Relief of such Persons as have been prevented from recording Deeds, and other Instruments, within the Time prescribed by Law, by the Occlusion of the Courts of Justice during the Confusion lately created by the Act of Parliament for imposing Stamp Duties in *America*; and it is referred to Mr *Richard Henry Lee* to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr *Landon Carter* reported that the Persons appointed to examine into the State of the Clerk's Office of this House had duly attended the said Office, and carefully inspected the State thereof, and had agreed upon a report; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows:

It appears to your *Committee* that the several Records and Papers in the Office are kept in as good a State of Preservation as Manuscripts presumptively can be, the several Cases containing the same are under good Locks and Keys, in which every Record and Paper is carefully and distinctly deposited, except as to one Press, containing fundry old Papers, which though bundled up appear in the same disordered indigested State in which they were saved in the Time of the burning of the Capitol; as to the Journals before the Year 1752, many of the Volumes appear to have endured the Inconveniences, and indeed Destructions, that Time generally effects on Manuscripts, and since the Year 1752 the several Journals are preserved in printed and bound Books, kept for the Use of the Assembly; but that the ancient Minutes of the Office before the Year 1752, from which the Journals have been transcribed into the Volumes as before, are in a very perishing condition.

On a Motion made,

*Resolved*, That the Speaker be desired to agree with the Publick printer for printing off the Journals of this House from the most early Times in the Records of this House to the Year 1752, under the Inspection of the Clerk; that one Set of such Journals, half bound, be lodged in the Office of this House for the Use of the Members, one Set for the

Speaker.







Speaker, and one Set for each of the standing Committees; and that a Sum, not exceeding £400 Current Money, shall be applied for the Purposes aforesaid.

*A Message from the Council by Mr Wallhoe.*

*That they have agreed to the Bill entitled An Act<sup>1</sup> to continue an Act entitled an Act to oblige the Persons bringing Slaves into this Colony from Maryland, Carolina, and the West Indies, for their own Use, to pay a Duty.*

*Also to the Bill entitled An Act<sup>2</sup> for further continuing the Act for reducing the several Acts for making Provision against Invasions and Insurrections into one Act.*

*Also to the Bill entitled An Act<sup>3</sup> to continue an Act entitled An Act for establishing Pilots and regulating their Fees.*

*Also to the Bill entitled An Act<sup>4</sup> for lessening the Allowance for the Inspection of Flour.*

On a Motion made,

*Ordered,* That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Claims to levy for the County of Caroline 8510 lbs. of Tobacco, which they paid to the Sheriff of that County for a Deficiency of 105 Tithables in the Number the last Publick Levy was laid on the said County, by a Mistake in the Clerks Certificate.

*A Petition* of fundry Inhabitants of the County of Westmoreland, setting forth that the Warehouses on the River Yeocomico in the County aforesaid are inconveniently situated, and praying that the upper Warehouses called *Rust's* may be removed lower down the River to a Place known by the Name of *Kinsale*, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered,* That the said petition do lie on the Table.

*Mr Pendleton* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to continue and amend an Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers.

*Also a Bill* to vest certain Lands in *Ralph Wormeley*, Esq<sup>r</sup>; in Fee Simple, and for settling other Lands in Lieu thereof; and the said Bills were severally read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

*A Message from the Council.*

*That they have agreed to the Bill entitled An Act<sup>5</sup> for continuing an Act entitled An Act for increasing the Reward for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the Counties wherein the Services shall be performed, with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.*

The House immediately proceeded to the Consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Council to the said Bill, and the same being read were agreed to.

*Ordered,* That *Mr Bland* do go up with a Message to the Council, and inform them thereof.

*Mr Cary*, from the Committee of Claims, reported that the said Committee had had under their Consideration several Matters to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to, as follow:

*Resolved,* That the Petition of *Jonathan Ware*, to be allowed his Account for Prison Fees for deserted Soldiers be rejected, being no publick Claim.

*Resolved,* That the Claims of *John Trimble*, for Horse Hire in the Year 1759, and of *John Buchanan, jun<sup>r</sup>* for a Horse and Hire in the Year 1756, be rejected.

*Resolved,* That the Claim of *R. Walker Johnson* for 298 lbs of Beef, furnished a Detachment of Capt. *Cunningham's* Company of Militia at *Dickinson's* is reasonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of £1. 17. 3 for the same.

*Resolved,* That the Petition of *Robert Donaldson*, a wounded Soldier, is reasonable; and that he ought to be allowed the sum of £5 for his present Relief.

*Resolved,* That the Sum of £5 per Annum be paid to the said *Robert Donaldson* during

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 191.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.* VIII p. 180.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 197.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.* VIII p. 198.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 200



during his Life, as a Recompense for the Wounds he received, and the Hardships he suffered, in the Service of the Colony.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Claims to make an Allowance in the Book of Claims, pursuant to the *third* and *fourth* Resolutions.

*Ordered*, That the last Resolution be engrossed, and that Mr *Cary* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Archibald Cary*, from the Persons appointed, presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill To amend so much of the Act for the better regulating and training the Militia as relates to the Appointment of Patrollers, their Duty, and Reward; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr *Robert Munford* of *Mecklenburg*, from the Persons appointed presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill To dock the Entail of certain Lands whereof *Robert Beverly*, Esq<sup>r</sup>; is seized, and for settling other Lands of greater Value to the same Uses; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The *Representation* of the Commissioners for the Northern Department, appointed by Act of Assembly to examine and state the Accounts of the Militia ordered out into actual Service, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Representation be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the same, and that they also inquire into the Service of the said Commissioners, and report their Opinions thereon to the House.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That the Clerks of the several County Courts in this Colony do transmit to the Clerk of this House, in the first Part of every Meeting of the General Assembly, a List of the Tithables in their Counties, containing the Names of such Tithables; and that they transmit also, at the same Time, a List of the Publick Charges of their respective Counties.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House do cause the same to be published in the *Virginia Gazette*.

An engrossed *Bill*, entitled *An Act for further continuing an Act for the more effectual keeping the publick Roads and Bridges in Repair*, was read a third time, and a Blank therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to take into their Consideration the Bill For continuing an Act entitled *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*.

*Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself into the said Committee Tomorrow.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee on the Bill For erecting a Statue of his Most Excellent Majesty, and an Obelisk, to commemorate the Services of fundry noble and worthy Patriots of *Great Britain*.

The House immediately resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some Time spent therein, Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported that the Committee, not having Time to go through the same, had directed him to move for Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into a Committee on the said Bill on *Tuesday* next.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare Inscriptions for the Obelisk intended to be raised to express the Gratitude of this Colony to the several noble and worthy Patriots who distinguished themselves, in both Houses of the Parliament of *Great Britain* in procuring the Repeal of the Stamp Act; and it is referred to Mr *Landen Carter*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Wythe*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Blair*, Mr *Nicholas*, Mr *R. Munford* of *Mecklenburg*, Mr *Henry*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Thompson Mason*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Page*, Mr *Benjamin Harrison*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Francis Lee*, Mr *Lewis*, Mr *Wilson Cary*, Mr *Randolph*, Mr *Alexander*, and Mr *Burwell* to prepare the same.

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A *Bill* to remove the seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony was read a second Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House on this Day Se'nnight.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That there be a Call of the House on this Day Se'nnight.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a *Bill* To exempt the Inhabitants of the County of *Mecklenburg*, and Parishioners of *St. James's* Parish in the said County, from paying Ferriage on *Sundays*, Court Days, and on the Days appointed for General Musters; and it is referred to Mr *Cary*, and Mr *Robert Munford* of *Mecklenburg*, to prepare and bring in the same.

An engrossed *Bill*, entitled *An Act for continuing the Act entitled an Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies*, was read a third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the *Bill* do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

On a *Motion* made,

A *Bill* to vest certain entailed Lands in *Ralph Wormeley*, Esq<sup>r</sup>; in Fee Simple, and for settling other Lands in Lieu thereof, was read a second Time, and committed to Mr *Pendleton*, the Members of *York*, *Elizabeth City*, and *Loudoun*, Mr *Washington* and Mr *Lewis*.

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

## Friday. the 5th of December. 7 Geo. III. 1766.

MR *Landon Carter* presented to the House, according to Order a *Bill* For annexing certain Lands to the Glebe Land of *Lunenburg* Parish, in the County of *Richmond*, by way of Donation; and the said *Bill* was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

On a *Motion* made,

*Resolved*, That all Members coming to the General Assembly, not having Notice of the Prorogation of the same, be allowed their Travelling Expenses.

A *Petition* of *William Fitzhugh*, praying Leave to withdraw his *Petition* complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Thompson Mason*, to serve as a Burgess in this present General Assembly for the County of *Stafford*, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said *William Fitzhugh* have Leave to withdraw his said *Petition*, and that the Committee of Privileges and Elections be discharged from proceeding any further therein.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Mr *Thompson Mason* be allowed his Costs, occasioned by the *Petition* of the said *William Fitzhugh*; and it is referred to the Committee of Claims to settle and adjust the same.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported that the Committee had had under their Consideration several *Petitions*, and a Memorial, to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

*Resolved*, That the *Petition* of *George Parker*, praying that an Act may pass empowering him to pay down a sufficient Sum of Money to secure an Annuity to the Parish of *Suffolk*, in the County of *Nansemond*, in Lieu of certain Slaves set apart for that Purpose, by the last Will and Testament of *Richard Bennett*, Esq<sup>r</sup>; is reasonable.

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That the Petition of *Elizabeth Cook*, praying that a Ferry may be established from her Landing, in *Stafford County* below the Mouth of *Chapawampick Creek*, across the River *Potowmack*, to the Land of *Clement Kennedy*, in *Maryland*, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of *James Scott*, Clerk, praying that a Ferry may be established from his Landing, at *Dipple*, in *Stafford County*, across *Potowmack* to *Cedar Point*, in *Maryland*, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That the Memorial of *John Henry*, for laying down a general Map of this Colony be rejected.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Propositions and Grievances do prepare and bring in a Bill pursuant to the first Resolution.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom the Bill For establishing a Ferry from the Land of *John Dix*, on *Dan River*, to the Land of *Lewis Green*, on the opposite Side of the said River, was committed, to receive a Clause, or Clauses, pursuant to the second Resolution.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Parramore* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House the Remainder of this Session.

A Bill To continue and amend an Act entitled *An Act for reducing the several Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act*, was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Tuesday next.

A Bill To amend so much of the Act for the better regulating and training the Militia as relates to the Appointment of Patrollers, their Duty, and Reward, was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third Time.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill To oblige *John Field*, *John Pofag*, and *James Gunn*, to settle with the Treasurer of this Colony for the several Sums they respectively received from the Publick for the Pay of their Companies of Artificers, and to pay the Balance (if any) in their Hands, to the said Treasurer, for the publick Use; and is referred to Mr *Archibald Cary*, and Mr *Pendleton*, to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr *Pendleton*, from the Committee to whom the Bill To vest certain entailed Lands in *Ralph Wormeley*, Esq; in Fee Simple, and for settling other Lands in Lieu thereof, was committed, reported that the said Committee had made an Amendment thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendment in at the Table, where the Amendment was again twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the Amendment, be engrossed and read a third Time.

A Bill To dock the Entail of certain Lands whereof *Robert Beverley*, Esq; is seized, and for settling other Lands of greater Value to the same Uses, was read a second Time, and committed to the Members of *Caroline*, *King* and *Queen*, *Effex*, and *Culpeper*.

A Bill to continue and amend an Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers, was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third Time.

The Order of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to take into their Consideration the Bill For continuing an Act entitled *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*.

*Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself into the said Committee on Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to take into their further Consideration the State of the Colony.

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into the said Committee on Thursday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday Morning 11 o'Clock.

Monday.







Monday, the 8th of December, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

**A** Claim of *Richard Johnson*, of the County of *Louisa*, for a Negroe Man named *Pompey*, that was condemned by the Court of the said County, and valued to £50, was presented to the House and read.

Ordered, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Claims.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill To explain the Act entitled *An Act prescribing the Method of proving Book Debts*; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr *Landon Carter*, from the Committee appointed, presented to the House according to Order, certain Inscriptions, intended for the Obelisk to be raised in Order to perpetuate the Memory of certain noble and illustrious Patriots who distinguished themselves in the Parliament of *Great Britain* in the Cause of *American Liberty*; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Inscriptions do lie on the Table.

Mr *Hutchings* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill To amend an Act entitled *An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act to explain the Charter, and enlarge the Privileges of the Borough of Norfolk, and for other purposes therein mentioned*; also one other Act, entitled *An Act for enlarging and ascertaining the Limits of the Borough of Norfolk, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Petition of *William Page*, praying to be appointed a Door-Keeper, in the Room of *Nathaniel Hix*, deceased.

Also a Petition of *William Hix*, to the same Purpose, were severally presented to the House and read.

Ordered, That the said *William Hix* be appointed Door-Keeper to this House, and that he give his Attendance accordingly.

Resolved, That the Petition of *William Page* be rejected.

Mr *Syme*, from the Committee to whom the Bill To vest certain entailed Lands in *Nathaniel West Dandridge, Esq<sup>r</sup>*; in Fee Simple, and for settling Slaves in Lieu thereof, was committed, reported that the Committee had examined into the Allegations thereof, and found them to be true, and had made several Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill with the Amendments be engrossed, and read a third Time.

Mr *Archibald Cary*, from the Persons appointed, presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill For exempting the Inhabitants of *Mecklenburg County*, and also the Minister and other Parishioners of *St. James's Parish*, in the said County, from the Payment of Ferriage on *Sundays*, Court Days, and on the Days appointed for General Musters; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Message from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill entitled *An Act*<sup>4</sup> to empower the Vestry of the Parish of *Truro*, in the County of *Fairfax*, to sell the Glebe and Church Plate, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Also to the Bill entitled *An Act*<sup>5</sup> for continuing the Act entitled an Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies.

Also to the Resolve for allowing the Sum of £5 per Annum to *Robert Donaldson* during his Life as a Recompense for the Wounds he received, and the Hardships he suffered, in the Service of the Colony.

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<sup>1</sup> Hening, IV, p. 327.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VII, p. 510.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VII, p. 433.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 202.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 198.



Certain Militia Accounts from Col<sup>o</sup> *Andrew Lewis*, and Col<sup>o</sup> *William Preston*, for their Pay and Expenses in receiving the Money, and paying of the *Augusta* Militia, were presented to the House and received.

*Ordered*, That the said Accounts be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereon to the House.

A Claim of *John Armstrong*, for Timber use in the building Fort *William*, was presented to the House and received; and the Question being put that the said Claim be referred to a Committee.

It passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That the said Claim be rejected.

A Petition of *John M<sup>o</sup> Lanachan*, in Behalf of himself and fundry other Persons, setting forth the Services they rendered to this Country as Officers of a Company of Volunteers, under the Command of Col<sup>o</sup> *Bouquet*, in the Expedition against the *Shawanese* and *Delaware* Indians, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the same, and report their Opinion thereon to the House.

A Petition of *William Handy*, and others, setting forth that they served as Rangers on the Frontiers of *Augusta*, in the Year 1763, under the Command of Col<sup>o</sup> *John Phelps*, but were omitted in his Pay Roll, and praying an Allowance for the same, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereon to the House.

Mr *Archibald Cary*, from the Committee of Claims, reported that the Committee had had under their Consideration several Matters to them referred and had come to several Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read and agreed to by the House, as follow:

*Resolved*, That the Petition of the Justices of the County of *Loudoun* is reasonable, and that they ought to be allowed the Sum of £18. 19. 4 Half penny, to reimburse them the Judgment and Cofts of Suit obtained by the surviving Executors of *William Hunter*, deceased, against *Charles Binns* Clerk of the Court of the said County of *Loudoun*, for the Copies of the Laws in their Petition mentioned.

*Resolved*, That the fundry Claims for the Pay and Expenses of the Militia of different Counties, referred last Session, be rejected, for Want of Proof.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of *Sarah Johnson*, as Executrix of *George Johnson*, deceased, and Guardian to her Son *William Johnson*, an Infant, to be allowed the Sum of £55 for the Slave *Dick* in her Petition mentioned, is reasonable, and that she ought to be allowed the Sum of £55 for the said Slave, on paying Interest for the same to *Abraham Barnes*, during the Life of his Wife *Sarah*, and if she should survive, then to the said *Sarah* during her Life.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims do make an Allowance in the Book of Claims, pursuant to the first and last Resolution.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That an Address be made to his Honor the Governor, that he will be pleased to direct that his Letters to Col<sup>o</sup> *Andrew Lewis*, relative to the Volunteers of *Augusta*, who joined Col<sup>o</sup> *Bouquet* in the Expedition against the *Shawanese* and *Delaware* Indians, be laid before this House.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do wait on him with the said Address.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Thomson Mason* be added to the Committee of Privileges and Elections and Courts of Justice, and Mr *Robert Munford* of *Mecklenburg* to the Committee to whom the Bill To dock the Entail of certain Lands whereof *Robert Beverley*, Esq<sup>r</sup> is seized, and for settling other Lands of greater Value to the same Uses, is referred.

A Petition of fundry of the Inhabitants of *Charlotte*, *Mecklenburg*, *Halifax*, and *North Carolina*,







*Carolina*, setting forth that they have no other Road or Way to get to Market but the Roads commonly called and known by the Names of *Witton's* and *Coxe's*, that the Justices of *Lunenburg*, since the Division of that County, not having any Occasion to make Use of those Roads, have come to a Resolution not to build for the future any Bridges over the River *Meherrin*, and of turning the said Roads to cross the said River, where, if Bridges were built, it would be impossible to pass with Loaded Carriages; and praying Relief, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereon to the House.

The Order of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to take into their Consideration the Bill For continuing an Act entitled *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*.

*Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself into the said Committee on *Thursday* next.

An engrossed Bill, entitled *An Act to continue and amend an Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers*, was read a third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Pendleton* do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engrossed Bill, entitled *An Act to amend so much of the Act for the better regulating and training the Militia as relates to the Appointment of Patrollers, their Duty, and Reward*, was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engrossed Bill, entitled *An Act to vest certain entailed Lands in Ralph Wormeley, Esq; in Fee Simple, and for settling other Lands in Lieu thereof* was read a third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Pendleton* do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Bill for annexing certain Lands to the Glebe Land of *Lunenburg Parish*, in the County of *Richmond*, by way of Donation, was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third Time.

*And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.*

## Tuesday, the 9th of December. 7 Geo. III. 1766.

MR *Blund*, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom the Bill For dividing the County of *Halifax*, and Parish of *Antrim*, was committed, reported that the said Committee had had the said Bill under their Consideration, and had made several Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed and read a third Time.

A Petition of *Robert Tucker*, of the Borough of *Norfolk*, setting forth that on the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of *September* last he had the Misfortune of having all his Store Houses burned with Lightning, in which he lost a very considerable Value in Rum, Wine, Sugar, and other Merchandize, particularly 66 Hogheads of Rum and 9 Pipes of *Madeira* Wine, which were duly entered, and the Duties bonded; and praying that he may be exempt from paying the Duty of the said Rum and Wine.

*Also*

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 69

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 190.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 195.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 230.



*Also a Petition* of fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Amelia*, setting forth the Inconveniencies and Hardships they labour under by Reason of their Remoteness from their Court House, and praying a Division of the said County; were severally presented to the House, and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereon to the House.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the House again to resolve itself into a Committee to take into their further Consideration the Bill For erecting a Statue of his Most excellent Majesty, and an Obelisk to commemorate the Services of Sundry noble and worthy Patriots of *Great Britain*.

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into the said Committee on *Friday* the 13<sup>th</sup> of *March* next.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported that the said Committee had had under their Consideration the Petition of fundry Inhabitants of *Charlotte*, *Mecklenburg*, and *Halifax* Counties, to them referred, and had come to the following Resolution thereupon which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the House as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Petition of the said Inhabitants, praying that the Justices of *Lunenburg* County may by Law be compelled to build Bridges over *Meherrin* River, at certain Places in the said Petition set forth, be rejected.

Mr *Bland* informed the House that he had waited on his Honor the Governor with the Address of this House, to cause his Letters to Col<sup>o</sup> *Lewis* relative to the Volunteers of *Augusta* who joined Col<sup>o</sup> *Bouquet* in the Expedition against the *Shawaneze* and *Delaware* Indians, to be laid before this House, and that his Honor was pleased to give him Copies of several of his Letters on that Subject, which he delivered in at the Table.

*Ordered*, That the said Letters be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom the Petition of *John McLanahan* and others is referred.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to take into Consideration the Bill To continue and amend an Act entitled *An Act for reducing the several Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act*, after some Time spent therein Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported that the Committee had had the said Bill under Consideration, and had made some Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the House, with an Amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed, and read a third Time.

The *Treasurer*, according to Order, laid his Accounts before the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Accounts be referred to the Committee appointed to examine into the State of the Treasury.

*A Petition* of *Nathaniel Lyttleton Savage*, setting forth that he is seized in Fee Taille of a Tract of Land lying in the Parish of *Hungars*, and County of *Northampton*, containing 950 Acres, and that it would be greatly to the Advantage of himself and Family if he was permitted to sell the said Land, and to settle other Lands of greater Value to the same Uses, and praying that an Act may pass for that Purpose, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition, and it is referred to Mr *Nicholas* to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr *Munford*, from the Committee to whom the Bill To empower Trustees to sell and convey certain Lands whereof *Charles Carter* the Elder is seized as Tenant in Fee Taille, and for other Purposes, was committed, reported that they had examined into the Allegations thereof, and found them to be true, and had made several Amendments thereto;







thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill with the Amendments, be engrossed, and read a third Time.

He also reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill To dock the Entail of certain Lands whereof *Robert Beverley* is seized, and for settling other Lands of greater Value to the same Uses, was committed, that the said Committee had examined into the Allegations thereof, and found them to be true, but had made no Amendments to the said Bill.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third Time.

*And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.*

## Wednesday, the 10th of December, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

**O**N a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That an Address be made to his Honor the Governor to lay before this House Copies of the several Bonds given by the late Treasurer, *John Robinson*, Esq<sup>r</sup>; for the due Execution of his Office as Treasurer to this Colony; and that Mr *Henry*, Mr *Thomson Mason*, and Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, do wait on him with the said Address.

A Message from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

*That they have agreed to the Bill entitled An Act<sup>r</sup> for giving a Salary to the Speaker of the House of Burgesses.*

*Also to the Bill entitled An Act<sup>r</sup> for appointing a Treasurer.*

Mr *Archibald Cary*, from the Committee of Claims reported that the said Committee had had under their Consideration the Claim of *Richard Johnson*, and the Petition of *William Handy*, and others, to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House as follow:

*Resolved*, That the Claim of the said *Richard Johnson*, to be allowed for his Slave *Pompey* who was tried, condemned, and executed, and by the County Court of *Louisfa* valued at £50, is reasonable, and that he ought to be allowed the said Sum of £50 for the said Slave.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of *William Handy*, *Jehu Stephens*, *Henry Haynes*, and *Rofs Noble*, Soldiers in a Ranging Company under the Command of Col<sup>o</sup> *John Phelps*, in the Year 1763, is reasonable, and that the following Allowances ought to be made by the Publick, viz<sup>t</sup> To *William Handy* £3. 4. 6, *Jehu Stephens* £1. 17. 6, *Henry Haynes* £2. 6. 6, and *Rofs Noble* £1. 10, for their Pay.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims do make an Allowance in the Book of Claims pursuant to both Resolutions.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported that the Committee had had under their Consideration two Petitions to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House, with an Amendment, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Petition of *Littleton* and *Severn Eyre*, Gentlemen, praying that the Owners or Shippers of Vessels may be restrained by Law from carrying for Reward any Person or Persons, other than the Inhabitants of *Accomack* County, across the Bay from the said County of *Accomack* to *York*, *Hampton*, or *Norfolk*, or the Places adjacent, is reasonable.

*Resolved*,



*Resolved*, That the Petition of *Luke Luker*, praying that a Ferry may be established from *Pungoteague*, in the County of *Accomack*, across the Bay to *York, Hampton, Norfolk*, and the Places adjacent, is reasonable.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances to whom the Bill For establishing a Ferry from the Land of *John Dix*, on *Dan River*, to the Land of *Lewis Green*, on the opposite Side of the said River, is committed, that they receive a Clause or Clauses, pursuant to the above Resolutions.

A Petition of *Thomas Wal'er*, praying to be allowed the Sum of £13. 14. 9, which was consumed with his House on the first Day of *February* last, and which was received by his Father, lately deceased, for the Use of the Publick was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereon to the House.

A Petition of the Door-Keeper of this House, praying to be allowed a Suit of Clothes, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the Treasurer be directed to cause the said Petitioners to be provided with decent Clothes and Badges.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That Mr *Thomas Walker* be directed to pay unto Cap<sup>t</sup> *John Smith* the Sum of £4. 17. 3, and that he also pay into the Treasury the Sum of £9. 0. 9, being the Balance of the Money given to pay the said *Smiths* Company of Militia.

A Petition of fundry Inhabitants of this Colony, praying that the Bridge near the Town of *Pocahontas*, in *Chesterfield* County, may be rebuilt, and become a Publick Charge, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereon to the House.

A Claim of *Walter Coles*, for Sundries found the Militia, was presented to the House and received.

*Ordered*, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Claims.

Mr *Archibald Cary* informing the House that the Commissioners appointed for settling the Militia Accounts had omitted, in their Certificate to the Treasurer, the Bounty of 40l. to 107 Men of Cap<sup>t</sup> *Charles Lewis'* Company of Militia, amounting in the whole to £214, also 387 lbs. of Flour, at 12s. per Hundred, amounting to £2. 6. 5, furnished by *John Gilmer*, and omitted in his Certificate.

*Ordered*, That the Treasurer be directed to pay unto Cap<sup>t</sup> *Charles Lewis* the said Sum of £214, and also the said Sum of £2. 6. 5, to *John Gilmer*, out of the Fund raised for the Payment of the Militia of this Colony.

Mr *Nicholas*, according to Order, presented to the House a Bill To empower *Nathaniel Littleton Savage*, Gentleman, to sell and dispose of certain entailed Lands, and for settling other Lands and Slaves to the same Uses; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Bill To explain the Act entitled *An Act prescribing the Method of proving Book Debts*, was read a second Time, and committed to Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Nicholas* and Mr *Wythe*.

Mr *Cary*, from the Committee of Claims, reported that the Committee had had under their Consideration the Petition of *Benjamin Temple*, and the Claim of *William Ramsay*, to them recommitted, and had come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the same were again read, and are as follow:

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the said *Benjamin Temple*,  
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ought to be allowed, out of the Balance of £86. 10 which appears to be due in his Hands to the Colony, a Discount of the Sum of £11. 10, for the Bounty Money and enlisting of *John Fendley*, a Recruit, who after being enlisted was taken sick, and rendered incapable of marching to the Place of Rendezvous; and the further Sum of £1, for a Man and Horse employed in pursuit of a Defenter.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the said *William Ramsay* ought to be allowed the Sum of £56. 2. 10 Halipenny for the Provisions in his Account mentioned, and that the Residue of the said Account, be rejected.

The last *Resolution* being read a second Time, and the Question put that the House agree thereto.

*Resolved*, in the Affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims do allow in the Book of Claims to the said *William Ramsay* the Sum of £56. 2. 10 Halipenny, agreeable to the said Resolution.

*Ordered*, That the first Resolution do lie on the Table.

He also reported that the said Committee had had under their Consideration two Matters to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read and agreed to by the House, as follow:

*Resolved*, That the Petition of *Edward Westmore*, Keeper of the Publick Gaol, for a Continuance of the additional Salary of £15 *per Annum*, enjoyed by his Predecessors, be rejected.

*Resolved*, that *Israel Christian* ought to pay to the Treasurer, for the Use of the Publick, the Residue of the Account referred last Session, being for fundry Indian Goods belonging to the Publick, which were received by him of *William Ingles*, amounting to £65. 16. 3, as ascertained by the Committee appointed for that Purpose.

*Mr Bland*, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported that the Committee had had under their Consideration the Petition of the Justices and Inhabitants of *Amelia* County to them referred, and had come to the following Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the said Petition, praying that the said County of *Amelia* may be divided by the Line therein expressed, is reasonable.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Propositions and Grievances do prepare and bring in a Bill pursuant to the said Resolution.

*And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.*

## Thursday, the 11th of December. 7 Geo. III. 1766.

**M***R Landon Carter* presented to the House, according to Order a Bill To empower the Executors of *Charles Carter*, late of *King George*, to sell Part of his Lands and Slaves for Payment of his Debts and Legacies; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

*Mr Richard Henry Lee*, from the Committee to whom the Bill To explain the Act entitled, *An Act prescribing the Method of proving Book Debts* was committed reported that the said Committee had made several Amendments thereto: which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to, with an Amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed, and read a third Time.

He also presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill For the Relief of such Persons as have been prevented from recording Deeds, and other Instruments, within the



the Time prescribed by Law, by the Occlusion of the Courts of Justice during the Confusion lately created by the Act of Parliament for imposing Stamp Duties in *America*; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances reported that the Committee had had under their Consideration the Petition of *Robert Tucker* to them referred, and had come to the following Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Petition of *Robert Tucker*, Gentleman, praying that he may be exempted from the Payment of the Duties by Law imposed on 66 Hogheads of Rum, containing 6600 Gallons and of 9 Pipes of *Madeira* Wine, containing 900 Gallons, which were duly entered at the Custom House, and destroyed by Fire in the said *Tucker's* Warehouse, and that he be allowed in his Account with the Naval Officer where the same was entered the Sum of £125, being the Amount of the said Duties, is reasonable.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to *Wilson Miles Cary*, Esq<sup>r</sup>; Naval Officer of the Lower District of *James River*, with whom the said Liquors are bonded, to give Credit to the said *Tucker* for the said Sum of £125; and that the Treasurer be directed to make an Allowance to the said *Cary* for the same, in the Settlement of his Accounts.

A Petition of Mr *Henry Fry*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Edward Carter*, to serve as a Burgess in this present General Assembly, for the County of *Albemarle*, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections; that they examine into the Allegation thereof, and report their Opinions thereon to the House.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported that the Committee had had under their Consideration the Petition of *John M<sup>c</sup>Lanachan*, and others, to them referred, and had come to the following Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Petition of *John M<sup>c</sup>Lanachan*, and other Officers, who served as Volunteers from this Colony under Col<sup>o</sup> *Bouquet*, on an Expedition against the *Shawane* and *Delaware* Indians, is reasonable, and that the said *John M<sup>c</sup>Lanachan*, *Charles Lewis*, *Walter Cunningham*, *Alexander M<sup>c</sup>Lanachan*, *John Lewis*, *James Ward*, *John Man*, *William Baskin*, and *John Murray*, be allowed the Sum of £40 each, as an Acknowledgment of their Merit, and the extraordinary Service they rendered to this Colony by their gallant Behaviour on the said Expedition, but not as Pay, they being not entitled thereto, as they were not appointed to the said Service by the Directions of the General Assembly.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Claims to make an Allowance in the Book of Claims, pursuant to the above Resolution.

He also reported, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, according to Order, a Bill For dividing the County of *Amelia*; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The Order of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to take into their Consideration the Bill To remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony.

*Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself into the said Committee on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March next.

An engrossed Bill entitled *An Act to empower Trustees to sell and convey certain Lands whereof Charles Carter the Elder is seized as Tenant in Fee Tails and for other Purposes*, was read a third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Robert Munford* do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

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The *Order of the Day* being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to take into their further Consideration the Bill for continuing an Act entitled *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs.*

*Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself into the said Committee Tomorrow.

Mr *Thomson Mason* reported that the Committee had, according to Order, waited on his Honor the Governor, with the Address of this House, to cause Copies of the late Treasurer's Bonds to be laid before this House, and that he was pleased to deliver to them the Copies of five Bonds, which were all that had been taken during his Administration, and to say that he knew nothing of those which had been entered into prior to his Arrival into this Colony.

A Bill To empower *Nathaniel Littleton Savage*, Gentleman, to sell and dispose of certain entailed Lands, and for settling other Lands and Slaves to the same Uses, was read a second Time, and committed to Mr *Charles Carter* of King George, Mr *Syme*, and the Members of Accomack and Northampton.

The *Order of the Day* being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to take into their further Consideration the State of the Colony.

*Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee on the same To-morrow. And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

## Friday, the 12th of December. 7 Geo. III. 1766.

A *Petition* of fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Norfolk* praying that the Act of Assembly passed about the Year 1757, whereby the Justices of the said County were empowered to agree with Persons to keep the Publick Ferries over the three Branches of *Elizabeth River*, and over *Tanner's Creek*, and to levy the Expence thereof on the Inhabitants of the said County, may be repealed; and that the said Justices may be empowered to hire Persons to keep the Ferry Ferriage free, on General Musters and Court Days, and levy the Expence thereof on the said County, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereon to the House.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill For establishing several new Ferries, and for other Purposes therein mentioned; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

On a *Motion* made,

A Bill For establishing several new Ferries, and for other Purposes therein mentioned was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

A *Message* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

*That they have agreed to the Bill entitled An Act to amend so much of the Act for the better regulating and training the Militia as relates to the Appointment of Patrollers, their Duty, and Reward.*

*Also to the Bill entitled An Act to continue and amend an Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers.*

*Also to the Bill entitled An Act to vest certain entailed Lands in Ralph Wormeley, Esq; in Fee Simple, and for settling other Lands in Lieu thereof, without any Amendments.*

*Also*

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 69.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 195.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 190.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 230.



*Also to the Bill entitled An Act<sup>1</sup> for further continuing an Act for the more effectual keeping the publick Roads and Bridges in Repair, with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.*

*Also that the Council had passed a Bill entitled An Act<sup>2</sup> to amend an Act entitled An Act concerning Juries, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.*

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That all the Money Claims, which have been considered by the Committee of Claims, be reported distinct from the Book of Claims.

On a *Motion* made,

The House proceeded to the Settlement of the Salaries of the Officers of the General Assembly, and the respective Allowances were made.

A *Petition* of the Reverend Mr *James Semple*, praying an Allowance for the Time he officiated during the absence of the Reverend Mr *Thomas Price* Chaplain to this House, was presented to the House and read.

*Resolved*, That the Sum of £20 be allowed to the said Mr *Semple*, for his said Services.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That the Commissioners appointed to burn the Treasury Notes, which were directed to be burnt by Act of Assembly, be allowed £50 each for their Trouble therein.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee appointed to examine into the State of the Publick Treasury, reported that they had had the same under their Consideration, and agreed upon a Report; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows:

Your *Committee*, in Obedience to the Order of the House, repaired to the Treasury Office, designing to begin and prosecute their Examination with the utmost Care and Diligence; but being informed that the Representatives of *John Robinson*, Esq<sup>r</sup>; late Treasurer of *Virginia*, were engaged in stating his Accounts from the Treasury Books and Papers, your Committee judged it most prudent not to interrupt that necessary Work, hoping that the said Accounts, if properly adjusted, would greatly facilitate their Inquiry.

The *Accounts* being stated in such Manner as the Administrators thought fit, and laid before the House, were by a subsequent Order referred to your Committee.

Your *Committee* beg Leave to inform the House that the late Treasurer's Accounts, settled in the last Session of the late General Assembly, were brought down to the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of *October*, 1764; but many Errors and Omissions having been discovered in his Account of the Land and Poll Tax, and the Tax on Wheel Carriages, his Administrators very properly recurred back to the Month of *April*, in the Year 1755, the Time when the first Taxes became payable, and from that Period proceeded to state the Accounts of his Receipts and Disbursements to the 24<sup>th</sup> of *May* last, when the present Treasurer came into Office. As to the other Taxes, the Account of them is taken up from the last Settlement.

Your *Committee* has with the utmost Precision they were able, examined the said Account, and compared them with the original Books and Vouchers in the Office, and humbly give it as their Opinion that the same are justly and fairly stated, except a few small Errors, which will be rectified in their future Inquiry, when any other Mistakes remaining may also be discovered and properly adjusted.

It appeared to your *Committee*, by a Certificate of the Committee appointed to burn the Treasury Notes that at the Death of *John Robinson*, Esq<sup>r</sup>; only £8297. 12. 9 remained in the Treasury; that £6097. 7, Part thereof was burnt by the said Committee; and £2218. 5. 9, the Balance, was paid to the present Treasurer; so that according to the said Accounts, as now stated, there remains due from the late Treasurer the following Balances, that is to say: On the publick Account £3388. 18. 2; for Money received of the Sheriffs for the Land and Poll Tax, Tax on Wheel Carriages, the Inspectors of Publick Warehouses

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 192.

<sup>2</sup> Not recorded as a law.







Warehouses for the 2<sup>d</sup> Duty on Tobacco, the County Court Clerks for Writs and Ordinary Licenses, and for the additional Duty on Slaves, £95, 827. 16. 5; on the Fund appropriated for the Indian Trade, £2500; amounting in the Whole to £101, 716. 14. 7. There appears the following Balances due to the late Treasurer, on Account of Bills of Exchange, and publick Tobacco, £554. 10. 1; on the burnt Tobacco Notes, £304. 12. 4; and for the Notes bearing Interest, £96. 4. 9; amounting in the Whole, to £955. 7. 2; which, being deducted from the above Sum, leaves a Balance due to the Publick of £100,761. 7. 5.

Your *Committee* begs Leave further to represent to the House that many Sheriffs, Inspectors, and County Court Clerks, appear greatly in Arrear, some of them not having rendered any Accounts for several Years, and others having made but partial Settlements; that from the Accounts returned to the Treasury there appears due at this Time from the Sheriffs and Inspectors a considerable Sum, which your Committee is of Opinion ought to be recovered by the most speedy and effectual Methods.

It likewise appears, by the said Accounts, that the Country is charged with the late Treasurer's Commissions on the Receipts of several Sums of Money arising from each particular Fund; but whether, under the present Circumstances of the Affairs of the Treasury, this is just or reasonable, or whether the late Treasurer's Estate ought to be accountable for any and what Interest on the several Sums of Money misapplied, or made Use of by him contrary to Law, is humbly submitted to the Consideration of the House.

Your *Committee* would have prosecuted their Inquiry into every particular Article, as directed by the Order of the House: This they conceive would have been the most likely Means of correcting every Error, doing Justice, and giving the desired Satisfaction to the Publick; but as the stating those several Matters in a proper and distinct Manner must necessarily require more Time than the advanced Season of the Year, and the approaching Adjournment, will admit of, they take the Liberty of recommending to the House that your Committee be allowed to proceed on that Business during the Recess of the Assembly.

*Ordered*, That the said Report do lie on the Table.

Mr *Eyre*, from the Persons to whom the Bill To empower *Nathaniel Littleton Savage*, Gentleman, to sell and dispose of certain entailed Lands, and for settling other Lands and Slaves to the same Uses was committed, reported that the Committee had had the same under their Consideration, and found the Allegations are true, and had made an Amendment thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed and read a third Time.

Mr *Pendleton* presented to the House the Memorial of the Administrators with the Will annexed, of the Estate of *John Robinson*, Esq<sup>r</sup>; which he delivered in at the Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

That on examining the Books and Papers of the said *John Robinson* in their Hands, they have discovered that the large Balance of £100,761. 7. 5, now stated and found due from him as Treasurer of this Colony, for Taxes received by him, was re-emitted and lent out to sundry Persons, from whom the same is now due, as his outstanding Debts amount to the Sum of £105,000, of which, however, the Memorialists think about the Sum of £12,000 will prove desperate, and be lost.

That, besides the said outstanding Debts, the Estate of which the said *John Robinson* died seized and possessed consists of about 4000 Acres of Land, where he lived, in the County of *King* and *Queen*, about 3200 Acres on *Morocofick*, in that County and *Caroline*, about 6500 Acres in the County of *Spotsylvania*, about 4250 Acres in the County of *Hanover*, 1200 Acres in the County of *King William*, some Houses and Lots in the City of *Williamsburg*, and about 400 Acres of Land in the County of *James City*, all which Lands may be reasonably estimated at the Value of £11,000; besides which he is interested one third Part in some Lands and Slaves employed in working a Lead Mine in the County of *Augusta*, and the whole of those Lands and Slaves are bound to reimburse him the Sum of £8000, advanced for carrying on the said Works; and is also interested





in one Share in the *Dismal Swamp*, and some Slaves employed in draining the same: that he died possessed of about 400 Slaves, and a considerable personal Estate.

That the private Debts due from the said *John Robinson*, as far as the Memorialists have hitherto been informed, amount to about £3500, and his Engagements, as Security for others, to about £20,000, of which they believe his Estate must pay and sustain the Loss of a considerable Sum, which they cannot point out with Precision, as it depends on unforeseen Events.

From this View of the Estate of the said *John Robinson*, and the several Bonds which have been laid before this House, as given by him for the due and faithful Execution, of his Office of Treasurer, in which good and sufficient Security appears to have been given, in Penalties to the Amount of £190,000 your Memorialists presume it will appear that the Publick have sufficient Security ultimately to make good any Deficiency in the Treasury; and they beg Leave to assure the House that they will use their best Endeavour to raise the Balance due to the Colony, with all imaginable Expedition: But from the distressed Situation of the Country, and the great Scarcity of Money among us, they are too apprehensive they cannot effect the same so soon as the Nature of the Case requires; and that should they, in Order to that End, use rigorous Measures to enforce hasty and precipitate Sales of the Estate of the Debtors, and also sell in that Manner the Estate of the said *John Robinson*, they are humbly of Opinion that such Steps, at the same Time that it must involve many Families in Ruin, would be so far from answering the End which might be expected that it would be the Means of defeating it, as Estates sold in that Manner, and under such Circumstances, might not raise near the Balance due to the Publick, though greatly exceeding it in their real Value.

That your Memorialists hope they shall be able, without introducing those Mischiefs, to collect and pay into the Treasury annually, in each of the three succeeding Years one third Part of the said Balance, so as to effect the Payment of the whole by *October 1769*, the Time appointed for the final Redemption of the Treasury Notes, in Case the House shall approve thereof, as the best Means that can be adopted in this unlucky situation of Things.

Your Memorialists further beg Leave to represent that the said *John Robinson* in Order to secure the Repayment of sundry Sums of Money by him lent, at some Times really purchased Lands and Slaves, and had Possession thereof, and in other Instances took absolute Conveyances of Lands and Slaves, without any Clause of Redemption, although the same was intended only as Security, and the Donors remained in Possession. That if, as is probable, it should be necessary to sell any Part of the Estate of the said *John Robinson* for Payment of these Debts as the Son and Heir of the said *John Robinson* is an Infant, the Memorialists will be obliged, in a regular Course of Administration, to sell first the personal Estate, and then the Slaves; by which Means not only the whole Lands will be left a Burthen upon the Heir, but among them will be included several detached Tracts, which ought to be considered only as pledged for Money, though absolutely conveyed as before mentioned, and should be turned into Money to pay the Debts.

They therefore submit this their Memorial to the most serious Consideration of the House, and humbly hope their Proposal will be accepted of, as to the Mode and Time of raising the Balance due to the Publick; and that an Act may pass to enable them to sell such Parts of the real and personal Estate of the said *John Robinson* as to them shall seem necessary, and most convenient for his Creditors and Family.

*Ordered*, That the said Memorial do lie on the Table.

An engrossed Bill, entitled *An Act for dividing the County of Halifax and Parish of Antrim, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Coles* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engrossed Bill, entitled *An Act to explain the Act entitled An Act prescribing the Method*





*Method of proving Book Debts*, was read the third Time; and the Question being put that the said Bill do pass.

It passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That the said Bill be rejected.

The Order of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to take into their Consideration the Bill For further continuing the Act entitled *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*.

*Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee on the said Bill on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of March next.

The Order of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to take into their further Consideration the State of the Colony.

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into the said Committee To-morrow.

*And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.*

## Saturday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of December, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

MR Archibald Cary, from the Committee of Claims, reported that the Committee had had under their Consideration the Petition of *Thomas Railey*, and the Claim of *Walter Coles*, to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House as follow:

*Resolved*, That the Petition of *Thomas Railey* is reasonable, and that he ought to be allowed by the Publick the sum of £10 for the Mare in his Petition mentioned, and the further Sum of £1. 10. 0 for his Saddle and Bridle lost at the same Time.

*Resolved*, That the Claim of *Walter Coles*, for eleven Barrels of Corn, and a Hoghead received by Cap<sup>t</sup> *John Winn* for the Use of the Militia, is reasonable, and that he ought to be allowed by the Publick the Sum of £5. 14. 0 for the same.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Claims to make an Allowance in the Book of Claims, pursuant to the above Resolutions.

Mr Bland from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom the Bill For establishing several new Ferries, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, was committed reported that the said Committee had had the same under their Consideration, and had made several Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the same was again twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill with the Amendments, be engrossed, and read a third Time.

An engrossed Bill entitled *An Act for annexing certain Lands to the Glebe Lands of Lunenburg Parish, in the County of Richmond, by way of Donation*, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr Landon Carter do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That the Treasurer of the Colony proceed with all possible Vigor and Dispatch to bring to a Settlement the several Collectors of the Land and Poll Tax, and the Tax on Wheel Carriages, who are in Arrear to the Publick according to the Direction of the Laws for that Purpose provided.

An engrossed Bill, entitled *An Act to continue an Act entitled An Act for reducing the several Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act*, was read the third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*,

<sup>1</sup> Henrng, VIII, p. 69.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 204.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 190.





*Ordered*, That Mr *Benjamin Harrison* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Pendleton*, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported that the said Committee had had under their Consideration the Petition of *Henry Fry*, Gentleman, to them referred, complaining of an undue Election and Return of *Edward Carter*, Gentleman, to serve as a Burgess in this present General Assembly for the County of *Albemarle* and had come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the same were again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

*Resolved*, That the Persons who voted at the said Election, whose Freeholds are questioned either by the Petitioner or sitting Member, be examined on Oath before *Arthur Hopkins*, *William Burton*, *John Weir*, *Henry Martin*, *Nicholas Mariwether*, *John Henderson*, Jun<sup>r</sup>, *Mofias Jones*, *Isaac Davis*, Gentlemen, or any five of them, of the said County of *Albemarle*, whether they be Freeholders or not.

*Resolved*, That the Petitioner and sitting Member be at Liberty to examine Witnesses before the same Persons, as to the Freeholds, or other Qualifications, of any Person who voted at the said Election, or shall swear to the same at the Examination; and that it be an Instruction to the Persons before whom such Examinations are to be taken to examine how long such Voters have been in Possession of, and paid Quitrents for, the Lands or Tenements in Right of which they voted at the Election, and that they return the Depositions they shall take before the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of *March* next.

*Resolved*, That the Petitioner give the sitting Member ten Days Notice of the Time and Place when and where he intends to examine his Witness, also a List in writing of the Names of the Voters he intends to except to, distinguishing against each Name the several Heads of Exception, and that the sitting Member do the like; and that the further Consideration of the said Petition be referred to the said 19<sup>th</sup> Day of *March* next.

The Order of the Day being read for the House again to resolve itself into a Committee to take into their further Consideration the State of the Colony.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some Time spent therein, Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr *Blair* reported that the Committee had had the same under their Consideration, and had come to a Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the same was again twice read, and agreed to, as follows:

*Resolved*, That an humble Address and Representation be presented to his Majesty, setting forth that as in Consequence of the Royal Instructions, and of Encouragements given by several Acts of Assembly of this Colony, to promote the Settlements on the Waters of the *Mississippi*, fundry Persons have formerly, at great Expence and Trouble, transplanted themselves from other Parts and settled on those Lands, having either obtained Patents for the same, or such Grants as by the Rules of Government entitle them to Patents, such settlers cannot be deprived of their Lands, or compelled to remove from the same, consistent with the Publick Faith, engaged by those Instructions and Laws.

And that it will be greatly for his Majesty's Service, and the Interest of this Colony, to continue Encouragements for promoting Settlements on all the Lands situated between *Pensylvania* to the North, the River *Ohio* to the West, and *North Carolina* to the South; within which Limits is contained a large Extent of rich fertile Lands, great Part of which are not claimed by any Tribe of *Indians*, none of it inhabited by them, and little used as their Hunting Grounds, their Right to which we have Reason to believe they would readily cede to his Majesty, and consent to the Settlement thereof by *British* Subjects.

And to desire that he will be graciously pleased not only to recind his Royal Proclamation, requiring all Persons to remove from their Lands within those Limits, but also to give Directions to his Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief here, that Grants for those Lands may be made to all Adventurers in the usual and accustomed Manner, and that all Offices may be opened for that Purpose, according to our Laws, and the Rules of Government.

*Ordered*,





*Ordered*, That an Address be prepared, agreeable to the said Resolution; and it is referred to Mr Blair, Mr Pendleton, Mr Archibald Cary, Mr Richard Henry Lee, Mr Fleming, Mr Landon Carter, and Mr Benjamin Harrison, to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr Cary, according to Order, reported that the Committee of Claims had had under their Consideration several Claims for executed Slaves, and sundry other Articles against the Publick, and had drawn up and stated an Account thereof; which he delivered in at the Table.

*Ordered*, That the said Report do lie on the Table.

On a *Motion* made,

The House resolved itself into a Committee to take into their Consideration the Memorial of the Administrators, with the Will annexed, of the Estate of *John Robinson*, Esq<sup>r</sup>; and also his Accounts as Treasurer.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some Time spent therein, Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Bland reported that the said Committee had come to a Resolution thereon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows:

*Resolved*, That his Honor the Governor be addressed, to order his Majesty's Attorney General to bring Suits on the Bonds given by *John Robinson* Esq<sup>r</sup>; late Treasurer of this Colony, and his Securities for the due Execution of the Office of Treasurer, for the Recovery of the Balance due from the said *John Robinson* to this Colony.

Mr Bland also reported that the said Committee had directed him to move for Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into a Committee on the said Memorial and Accounts on *Thursday* the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of *March* next.

*Ordered*, That Mr Pendleton have Leave to be absent until the 25<sup>th</sup> Instant.

*And then the House adjourned until Monday Morning 11 o'Clock.*

## Monday, the 15th of December. 7 Geo. III. 1766.

**A**N absent *Member* having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, and also subscribed the Test, was admitted to his Place in the House.

A *Message* from the Council by Mr Walthoe.

*That they have agreed to the Bill entitled An Act for dividing the County of Halifax, and Parish of Antrim, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, without any Amendments.*

*Also to the Bill entitled An Act to empower Trustees to sell and convey certain Lands whereof Charles Carter the Elder is seized as Tenant in Fee Taille, and for other Purposes, with an Amendment, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.*

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That on the Writs to be issued against the Sureties of the late Treasurer, Directions be endorsed that the Officers do not require common Bail for the Appearance of the Defendants.

Mr Bland, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported that the Committee had had under their Consideration the Report of the Commissioners appointed to examine and state the Accounts of the Militia, and also the Accounts of the said Commissioners for their Attendance and travelling on that Service, to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered



delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

*Resolved*, That Major *George Wilson*, of the *Hampshire* Militia, being ordered to visit the Post on *Loft River* by Col<sup>o</sup> *Stephen*, ought to be allowed for that Service six Days Pay as a Major.

*Resolved*, That Lieutenant *Henry Ashby*, named in the said Report, being ordered out on emergent Occasions, and not having Time to raise the full Complement of Men to entitle him to Pay as Lieutenant, according to the Direction of the Invasion Act, but served at different Times 44 Days with 18 private Men under his Command, ought to be allowed the Difference between the Pay of a Lieutenant and an Ensign, the latter being already allowed for his Services by the said Commissioners.

*Resolved*, That Ensign *James Jones*, who served under the said *Ashby* 73 Days, ought to be allowed the Difference between the Pay of an Ensign and a Serjeant, the latter being already allowed for his Services by the said Commissioners.

*Resolved*, That Lieutenant *Abraham Killer*, named in the said Report, being ordered out on emergent Occasions, and not having Time to raise the full Complement of Men to entitle him to Pay as Lieutenant, according to the Direction of the Invasion Act, but served at different Times 21 Days, with 16 private Men under his Command ought to be allowed the Pay of a Lieutenant for his said Services.

*Resolved*, That Captain *Jeremiah Odell*, who served at different Times 20 Days, with 13 private Men under his Command, being ordered out on emergent Occasions, and not having Time to raise the full Complement of Men to entitle him to Captain's Pay, according to the Direction of the Invasion Act, ought to be allowed the Pay of a Captain for his said Services.

*Resolved*, That Captain *Abraham Denton*, who served 14 Days with 22 private Men under his Command, being ordered out on emergent Occasions, and not having Time to raise the full Complement of Men to entitle him to Captain's Pay, according to the Direction of the Invasion act, ought to be allowed the Pay of a Captain for his said Services.

*Resolved*, That Captain *Charles Lynch*, who served 12 Days, with 18 private Men under his Command, being ordered out on emergent Occasions, and not having Time to raise the full Complement of Men to entitle him to Captain's Pay, according to the Direction of the Invasion Act, ought to be allowed the Pay of a Captain for his said Services.

*Resolved*, That Lieutenant *Edward Cartmill*, who served 8 Days, with 26 private Men under his Command, ought to be allowed the Pay of a Lieutenant for his said Services.

*Resolved*, That Captain *John McCulloch*, who had a Negroe Man Slave enlisted in his Company, and wholly employed as a Soldier 182 Days, ought not to be allowed Pay for the said Slave.

*Resolved*, That the several Commissioners appointed for settling the Accounts of the Militia, be allowed the several Sums hereafter mentioned for their respective Services.

*William Green*, Gentleman, for 23 Days Attendance at, and 2 Days for going to, and 2 Days returning from *Winchester*, the Sum of £27.

*James Hamilton*, Gentleman, for 20 Days Attendance at, and 1 Day for going to, and 1 Day for returning from *Winchester*, the Sum of £22.

*Thomas Marshall*, Gentleman, for 23 Days Attendance at, and 1 Day for going to and 1 Day for returning from *Winchester*, the Sum of £25.

*Richard Lee*, Gentleman, for 23 Days Attendance at, and 9 Days for going to and returning from *Winchester*, the Sum of £32.

*Archibald Cary*, Gentleman, for 19 Days Attendance at, and going to and returning from *Albemarle Court-House*, the Sum of £19.

*William Cabell*, Gentleman, for 13 Days Attendance at, and going to and returning from *Albemarle Court-House*, the Sum of £13.

*George Carrington*, Gentleman, for 7 Days Attendance at, and going to and returning from *Albemarle Court-House*, the Sum of £7.

*Thomas*







*Thomas Walker*, Gentleman, for 3 Days Attendance at *Albemarle* Court-House, the Sum of £3.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the Table.

A *Petition* of *William Rind*, praying that the usual Salary granted to the Publick Printer may be continued to him, and that the same may commence with his Duty upon the Adjournment of the Assembly.

*Resolved*, That the Sum of £375 *per Annum* be allowed to *William Rind*, Printer, to commence the first Day of *January* next, and to continue to the End of the next Session of Assembly, as a full Consideration for printing the Journal of the House of Burgesses, and the Laws of each Session, and sending as Many Copies to the County Court Clerks as there are acting Justices in the Commission in each respective County, and one other (which is to be half bound) for the Use of the Court, and ten to the Clerk of the Court of Huftings in the City of *Williamsburg* and the Borough of *Norfolk*; printing Inspectors Receipts and Books, Proclamations, and other publick Advertisements.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Cary* do carry the said Resolution to the Council for their Concurrence.

The House proceeded to the Consideration of the Report from the Committee of Claims which was on *Saturday* last ordered to lie on the Table, containing the Money Claims; and the same was read and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Officers Salaries, the Allowances to the Reverend Mr *Semple*, and the Commissioners for burning Paper Money, settled on *Friday* last, and to sundry Militia Claimants, and to the Commissioners appointed to settle the Militia Accounts, agreeable to the Report from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, which was this Day ordered to lie on the Table be added to the said Report; and that Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the same to the Council for their Concurrence.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Mr *Henry*, Mr *Thomson Mason*, and Mr *Wythe*, do wait on his Honor the Governor with the Address of this House to order Suits to be commenced against the late Treasurer, and his Securities, agreeable to the Resolutions agreed to on *Saturday* last.

*Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to examine the enrolled Bills, of the following Persons: Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Blair*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Willis Riddick*, Mr *Fleming*, Mr *Tunstall*, Mr *William Cabell*, and Mr *Carrington*.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That his Majesty's Attorney General be directed, when he hath obtained Judgments upon the Bonds given by *John Robinson*, the late Treasurer of this Colony, and his Securities, not to issue Executions upon the said Judgments against the Securities for any larger Sum or Sums than the said *John Robinson's* Estate shall fall short of satisfying to the Publick, it being the Opinion of this House that the said Securities shall not be made liable for more than the Estate of the said *John Robinson* shall prove deficient.

A *Petition* of sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Prince George*, setting forth that of good Years there are considerably upwards of 7000 Hoghead of Tobacco taken at the several Warehouses of *Petersburg*, *Bollingbrook*, and *Blandford*, a Quantity too great for the Inspectors duly and carefully to inspect with that Despatch which is requisite; and praying that another Inspection may be established on the Land of *Patrick Ramsay*, in the Town of *Blandford*, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* do lie on the Table.

A *Bill* For the Relief of such Persons as have been prevented from recording Deeds and other Instruments, within the Time prescribed by Law, by the Occlusion of the Courts of Justice during the Confusion lately created by the Act of Parliament for imposing Stamp Duties in *America*, was read the second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said *Bill* be engrossed, and read a third Time.

An engrossed *Bill*, entitled *An Act to empower Nathaniel Littleton Savage, Gentleman*,



man, to sell and dispose of certain entailed Lands, and for settling other Lands and Slaves to the same Uses, was read a third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Eyre* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

*Ordered*, That Mr *William Cabell* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House until the 12<sup>th</sup> of March next, and Mr *Carrington* until the 10<sup>th</sup> of April next.

The House proceeded to the Consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill entitled *An Act to empower Trustees to sell and convey certain Lands whereof Charles Carter the Elder is seized as Tenant in Fee Taille, and for other Purposes*; and the same being read, were agreed to by the House, with an Amendment.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Landon Carter* do go to the Council and acquaint them therewith.

An engrossed Bill, entitled *An Act to vest certain entailed Lands in Nathaniel West Dandridge, Esq<sup>r</sup>; in Fee Simple, and for settling Slaves in Lieu thereof*, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Syme* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Bill To empower the Executors of *Charles Carter*, late of *King George*, to sell Part of his Lands and Slaves for Payment of his Debts and Legacies, was read the second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third Time.

The House proceeded to the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill entitled *An Act for further continuing an Act for the more effectual keeping the publick Roads and Bridges in Repair*, and the same being read, were agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do go to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

An engrossed Bill, entitled *An Act concerning Juries which was sent down from the Council to this House*, was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

On a Motion made,

The said Bill was read a second Time; and the Question put that the said Bill do pass.

It passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That the said Bill be rejected.

An engrossed Bill, entitled *An Act for establishing several new Ferries, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engrossed Bill, entitled *An Act to dock the Entail of certain Lands whereof Robert Beverley, Esq<sup>r</sup>; is seized, and for settling other Lands of greater Value to the same Uses*, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

## Tuesday, the 16th of December, 7 Geo. III. 1766.

MR. *Bland*, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported that the said Committee had had under their Consideration an Account of *William Preston*, for certain Services therein mentioned and had come to the following Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the same was again twice read and agreed to by the House, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the said *William Preston* be allowed the Sum of £100, in full of his Services,

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 218.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 224.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 192.

<sup>4</sup> Not recorded as a law.

<sup>5</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 193.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 227.







Services, as well for travelling to and from *Williamsburg* for Money, as for paying and distributing the same to the several Companies of Militia.

*Ordered*, That the Treasurer be directed to allow the said Sum of £100 to the said *Preston*, in the Settlement of his Accounts.

An engrossed Bill, entitled *An Act to empower the Executors of Charles Carter, late of King George, to sell Part of his Lands and Slaves for Payment of his Debts and Legacies*, was read a third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Landon Carter* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engrossed Bill, entitled *An Act for the Relief of such Persons as have been prevented from recording Deeds and other Instruments, within the Time prescribed by Law, by the Occlusion of the Courts of Justice, during the Confusion lately created by the Act of Parliament for imposing Stamp Duties in America*, was read a third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Thomson Mason* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence. A Message from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill entitled *An Act*<sup>3</sup> for establishing several new Ferries, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

Also to the Bill entitled *An Act*<sup>4</sup> to continue an Act entitled *An Act* for reducing the several Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act.

Also to the Bill entitled *An Act*<sup>5</sup> to vest certain entailed Lands in *Nathaniel West Dandridge*, Esq<sup>r</sup>; in Fee Simple, and for settling Slaves in Lieu thereof.

Also to the Bill entitled *An Act*<sup>6</sup> for annexing certain Lands to the Glebe Land of *Lunenburg Parish*, in the County of *Richmond*, by way of Donation.

Also to the Bill entitled *An Act*<sup>7</sup> to empower the Executors of *Charles Carter*, late of *King George*, to sell Part of his Lands and Slaves for Payment of his Debts and Legacies.

Also to the Bill entitled *An Act*<sup>8</sup> to empower *Nathaniel Littleton Savage*, Gentleman, to sell and dispose of certain entailed Lands, and for settling other Lands and Slaves to the same Uses.

Also to the Bill entitled *An Act*<sup>9</sup> to dock the Entail of certain Lands whereof *Robert Beverlÿ*, Esq<sup>r</sup>; is seized, and for settling other Lands of greater Value to the same Uses.

Also to the Schedule containing sundry Money Claims.

Also to the Amendments of this House, proposed to the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill entitled *An Act*<sup>10</sup> to empower Trustees to sell and convey certain Lands whereof *Charles Carter* the Elder is seized as Tenant in Fee Taille, and for other Purposes.

Also to the Resolve for paying the Printer, without any Amendments.

And that they have agreed to the Bill entitled *An Act*<sup>11</sup> for the Relief of such Persons as have been prevented from recording Deeds, and other Instruments, within the Time prescribed by Law, by the Occlusion of the Courts of Justice during the Confusion lately created by the Act of Parliament for imposing Stamp Duties in America, with an Amendment, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

The House proceeded to the Consideration of the said Amendments; and the same being read, were agreed to.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Thomson Mason* do go to the Council and acquaint them therewith.

Mr *Henry* informed the House that the Persons appointed had according to Order, waited on the Governor with the Address of this House, to desire that he would direct that Suits should be brought against the late Treasurer's Administrators and his Securities, and that he was pleased to say that he would give Directions that the said Suits should be commenced immediately.

Sundry Militia Claims were presented to the House, and received.]

*Ordered*,

<sup>1</sup> *Hening*, VIII, p. 214.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 199.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 193.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 190.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 224.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 204.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 214.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 222.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 227.

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 218.

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 199.



*Ordered*, That the said Claims be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr Cary reported that the Committee had, according to Order, examined the enrolled Bills, had rectified such Mistakes as were found therein, and that they were truly enrolled.

*Ordered*, That Mr Cary do carry the said Bills to the Council for their Inspection.

A Message from the Council by Mr Walthoe.

*That they have inspected the enrolled Bills, and are satisfied they are truly enrolled.*

A Message from the Governor by Mr Walthoe.

*The Governor commands the immediate Attendance of your House in the Council Chamber, and that you bring with you such Bills and Resolves as are ready for his Assent.*

Mr Speaker, with the House, went up accordingly; and his Honor the Governor was pleased to give his Assent to the following publick and private Acts:

1. An Act for further continuing the Act for reducing the several Acts for making Provision against Invasions and Insurrections into one Act.

2. <sup>2</sup>To continue an Act entitled An Act for reducing the several Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act.

3. <sup>3</sup>To continue and amend an Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves to be paid by the Buyers.

4. <sup>4</sup>To continue an Act entitled An Act to oblige the Persons bringing Slaves into this Colony from Maryland, Carolina, and the West Indies, for their own Use, to pay a Duty.

5. <sup>5</sup>For amending and further continuing an Act for the more effectual keeping the publick Roads and Bridges in Repair.

6. <sup>6</sup>An Act For establishing several new Ferries, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

7. <sup>7</sup>To amend so much of the Act for the better regulating and training the Militia as relates to the Appointment of Patrollers, their Duty, and Reward.

8. <sup>8</sup>To continue an Act for establishing Pilots, and regulating their Fees.

9. <sup>9</sup>For lessening the Allowance for the Inspection of Flour.

10. <sup>10</sup>For continuing the Act entitled An Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies.

11. <sup>11</sup>For the Relief of such Persons as have been prevented from recording Deeds, and other Instruments, within the Time prescribed by Law, by the Occlusion of the Courts of Justices during the Confusion lately created by the Act of Parliament for imposing Stamp Duties in America.

12. <sup>12</sup>For continuing an Act entitled An Act for increasing the Rewards for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the Counties wherein the Services shall be performed.

13. <sup>13</sup>To direct the Collection of the Taxes in the Counties of King George and Buckingham for the Year 1766, and of the publick Levy in the County of Fauquier for the Year 1765.

14. <sup>14</sup>An Act To empower the Vestry of the Parish of Truro, in the County of Fairfax, to sell their Glebe and Church Plate, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

15. <sup>15</sup>For annexing certain Lands to the Glebe Land of Lunenburg Parish, in the County of Richmond, by Way of Donation.

16. <sup>16</sup>For dividing the County of Halifax and Parish of Antrim, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

17. <sup>17</sup>For adding Part of the County of James City to the County of New Kent, and Part of the County of New Kent to the County of James City.

18. <sup>18</sup>For giving a Salary to the Speaker of the House of Burgeffes.

19. <sup>19</sup>For appointing a Treasury.

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<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 189.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 190.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 190.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 191.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 192.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 193.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 193.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 197.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 198.

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 198.

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 199.

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 200.

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 201.

<sup>14</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 202.

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 204.

<sup>16</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 205.

<sup>17</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 208.

<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 210.

<sup>19</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 211.







20. A Schedule containing fundry Money Claims.

21. <sup>1</sup>To empower the Executors of Charles Carter, late of King George, to sell Part of his Lands and Slaves for Payment of his Debts and Legacies.

22. <sup>2</sup>To vest certain Lands therein mentioned, whereof George Carter, Esq<sup>r</sup>; died seized in Fee Simple, in certain Trustees therein named, to be sold for Performance of his Will.

23. <sup>3</sup>An Act To sell and convey certain Lands, whereof Charles Carter the Elder is seized as Tenant in Fee Taille, and for other Purposes.

24. <sup>4</sup>To empower Nathaniel Littleton Savage, Gentleman, to sell and dispose of certain entailed Lands, and for settling other Lands and Slaves to the same Uses.

25. <sup>5</sup>To vest certain entailed Lands in Nathaniel West Dandridge, Esq<sup>r</sup>; in Fee Simple, and for settling Slaves in Lieu thereof.

26. <sup>6</sup>To dock the Entail of certain Lands whereof Robert Beverley, Esq<sup>r</sup>; is seized, and for settling other Lands of greater Value to the same Uses.

27. <sup>7</sup>To vest certain entailed Lands in Ralph Wormeley, Esq<sup>r</sup>; in Fee Simple, and for settling other Lands in Lieu thereof.

His Honor likewise gave his Assent to the following Resolves:

1. That Mr William Rind be appointed the Publick Printer.

2. For allowing William Rind £375 for the Purposes therein mentioned.

3. For allowing Robert Donaldson the Sum of £5 per Annum during his Life.

Mr Speaker being returned, reported that he with the House, had attended the Governor in the Council Chamber, where his Honor had given his Assent to such Bills and Resolves as were ready, and was then pleased to signify to the House of Burgeesses that, upon considering the Season of the Year, and the long Time they had sat, he judged a Recess would be agreeable, and that, unwilling to impede the Business of the Session by a Prorogation, he thought it expedient to direct them to adjourn themselves to Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> of March next.

Ordered, That the House be adjourned to Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> of March next.

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 214.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 215.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 218.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 222.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 224.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 227.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 230.



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| Albemarle      | Thomas Walker<br>Edward Carter            | Hanover         | John Syme<br>Samuel Meredith             |
| Amelia         | Thomas Tabb<br>Robert Munford             | Henrico         | Richard Randoiph<br>*Bowler Cocke, Jr.   |
| Amherſt        | *William Cabell, Jr.<br>*Cornelius Thomas | Iſle of Wight   | *Dolphin Drew<br>*James Bridger          |
| Auguſta        | *John Wilſon<br>*William Preſton          | James City      | Lewis Burwell<br>Robert Carter Nicholas  |
| Bedford        | *John Talbot<br>*James Callaway           | Jameſtown       | Edward Ambler                            |
| Brunſwick      | William Thornton<br>Frederick Maclin      | King George     | Charles Carter<br>William Robinſon       |
| Buckingham     | Joſeph Cabell<br>*Samuel Jordan           | King and Queen  | George Brooke<br>Richard Tunſtall        |
| Caroline       | Edmund Pendleton<br>Walker Taliaferro     | King William    | Carter Braxton<br>Henry Gaines           |
| Charles City   | Benjamin Harrifon<br>*William Acrill      | Lancaſter       | Robert Mitchell<br>Charles Carter        |
| Charlotte      | *Clement Reade<br>*Paul Carrington        | Loudoun         | Francis L. Lee<br>*James Hamilton        |
| The College    | John Blair                                | Louifa          | Patrick Henry, Jr.<br>Richard Anderſon   |
| Cheſterfield   | Archibald Cary<br>*Seth Ward              | Lunenburg       | *William Taylor<br>*Henry Blagrove       |
| Culpeper       | *John Field<br>Thomas Slaughte            | Mecklenburg     | *Henry Delaney<br>*Robert Munford        |
| Cumberland     | John Fleming<br>*Alexander Trent          | Middleſex       | *John Smith<br>*Gawin Corbin             |
| Dinwiddie      | Robert Bolling<br>John Banifter           | Nanſemond       | *Lemuel Riddick<br>*Willis Riddick       |
| Elizabeth City | George Wythe<br>*Wilſon Miles Cary        | New Kent        | Burwell Baſſett<br>William Clayton       |
| Effex          | John Lee<br>*Francis Waring               | Norfolk         | Thomas Newton, Jr.<br>Robert Tucker, Jr. |
| Fairfax        | George Waſhington<br>John Weſt            | Norfolk Borough | *Joſeph Hutchings                        |
| Fauquier       | *Thomas Harrifon<br>*Thomas Maſhall       | Northampton     | John Harmanſon<br>Severn Eyre            |
| Frederick      | Robert Rutherford<br>James Wood           | Northumberland  | Spencer Ball<br>Thomas Gaſkins           |
| Glouceſter     | John Page<br>Thomas Whiting               | Orange          | *James Walker<br>*Zachariah Burnley      |
| Goochland:     | John Payne<br>John Bolling                | Princeſs Anne   | Edward Hack Moſeley<br>Robert Ballard    |
| Halifax        | Walter Coles<br>*Edward Booker            | Prince Edward   | *Peter Le Grand<br>*Nathaniel Venable    |

\*Not ſhown by the Journal to have been preſent during the Aſſembly.



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| Prince George  | Richard Bland<br>Alexander Bolling | Surry                | *Hartwell Cocke<br>*Thomas Bailey                       |
| Prince William | Henry Lee<br>*Foufhee Tebbs        | Suffex               | *David Mafon<br>*John Edmonds                           |
| Richinond      | John Woodbridge<br>*Landon Carter  | Warwick              | *William Harwood<br>William Digges                      |
| Southampton    | *Joseph Gray<br>*Benjamin Symmons  | Westmoreland         | Richard Henry Lee<br>Richard Lee                        |
| Spotfylvania   | *Benjamin Grymes<br>Fielding Lewis | Williamsburg<br>York | *Peyton Randolph<br>Dudley Digges<br>Thomas Nelson, Jr. |
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Thursday, the 12th of March, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

THE House met this Day according to their Adjournment.

*Ordered*, That the House be adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

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Friday, the 13th of March, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

ON a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That a Call of the House be on Monday next.

*And then the House adjourned until Monday Morning 11 o'Clock.*

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Monday, the 16th of March, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

SEVERAL new Members having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, and also subscribed the Test were admitted to their Places in the House.

A *Petition* of fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Amelia*, in Opposition to a *Petition* from the said County, praying a Division thereof, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* do lie on the Table.

A *Petition* of fundry Inhabitants of *Prince George* County and others, praying, That the Inspection at *Hood's* may be re-established.

Also a *Memorial* of fundry Merchants, setting forth the Inconveniencies that attend the Administration of Justice in the County Courts, and the Situation of the Gaols in the respective Counties, and praying some Regulation therein.

Also a *Petition* of fundry Inhabitants, of *Elizabeth City* County, praying, That a Road may be established through the Lands of *Francis Mallory* or *Henry Allen*, *John Jones*, *Nicholas Wilson Curle*; and that a Bridge may be built over *Back River*.

Also a *Petition* of *James Crane* of *Northumberland* County praying, That Merchants, living at or near the Court Houses in this Colony, may be refrained from retailing Liquors at public Times or Court Days, were severally presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petitions* and *Memorial* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereon to the House.

A *Petition* of *William Starke*, setting forth, That he is seized in Fee Tail of 350 Acres of Land, in the County of *Prince George* and Parish of *Bristol*, and praying that an act



may pass to empower him to sell the same, upon paying £1000, to be laid out on Lands and Slaves, to be settled to the same Uses, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition; and it is referred to Mr *Bland*, and Mr *Alexander Bolling*, to prepare and bring in the same.

A *Petition* of *John Hall* and *Anne* his Wife, setting forth, That they are seized in Fee Tail of a Tract of Land, in the County of *Amelia*, containing 800 Acres, and no slaves to work the same, whereby the said Land is rather a Charge than an Advantage; and praying, That an Act may pass to dock the Intail of the said Land, and the Money arising by such Sale, to be laid out in Land and Slaves, to the same Uses, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition; and it is referred to Mr *Bland*, and Mr *Robert Munford*, of *Amelia*, to prepare and bring in the same.

A Bill For dividing the County of *Amelia*, was read the second Time and committed to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That the Petition, in Opposition to the Petition, for dividing the said County of *Amelia*, that was this Day ordered to lie on the Table be committed to the said Committee.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their Consideration, the Bill, For continuing the Act intituled,

An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs.

*Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself into the said Committee on *Thursday* next.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their Consideration, the Bill, To remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony.

*Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee on the said Bill on *Thursday* next.

*Ordered*, That Mr *James Mercer* be added to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, Mr *Robert Rutherford*, and Mr *Thomas Rutherford* to the Committee of Claims, Mr *Wood* and Mr *Ballard* to the Committee for Courts of Justice, and Mr *Robert Tucker*, to the Committee of Trade.

A Bill, For exempting the Inhabitants of *Mecklenburg* County, and also the Minister, and other Parishioners, of *St. James's* Parish, in the said County, from the Payment of Ferriage on *Sundays*, Court Days, and on the Days appointed for General Musters, was read for the second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third Time.

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

## Tuesday, the 17th of March. 7 Geo. III. 1767.

A *Petition* of fundry Inhabitants, of the County of *Prince George*, and others, in Opposition to a Petition from the said County, praying, That the Inspection at *Hood's* may be re-established.

Also three *Petitions* of fundry Officers, who served as Volunteers, in the Expedition against the *Shawanese* and *Delaware* Indians under the Command of Col<sup>o</sup> *Bouquet*, praying the Consideration of this House, were severally presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*





*Ordered*, That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereupon to the House.

A *Petition* of fundry Inhabitants of the Counties of *Westmoreland*, *Richmond*, and *Northumberland*, in Opposition to a *Petition* presented to this House, praying, That the Warehouses, called *Rust's*, on *Yeocomico* River, may be discontinued, and others erected at a Place called *Kinsale*, on the said River, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* do lie on the Table.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported That they had had under their Consideration the *Petition* of fundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Norfolk*, to them referred and had come to the following Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the said *Petition*, praying, That an Act passed in the thirty second Year of the Reign of his late Majesty *George* the Second, intituled *An Act to empower the Justices, of the County of Norfolk, to agree with Persons to keep certain Ferries, and to levy the Expense thereof, upon the Inhabitants of the said County*, may be repealed, is reasonable.

*Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the said Resolution; and it is referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances to prepare and bring in the same.

He also reported from the said Committee, that they had had under their Consideration, a Memorial and *Petition* to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Memorial of fundry Merchants and Traders of this Colony, praying, That an Act may pass to prevent the Escape of Debtors out of Prison, and for the Punishment of all Persons aiding or assisting therein, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That the *Petition* of fundry Freeholders Inhabitants of the County of *Amelia*, praying, That the said County may not be divided, is reasonable.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in a Bill, pursuant to the first Resolution.

He also informed the House, that the said Committee had had under their consideration, the Bill, For dividing the County of *Amelia*: but had made no Amendments thereto; and the Question being put, that the Bill be engrossed and read a third Time.

It passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That the said Bill be rejected.

A *Petition* of *Junior Turner*, of the County of *James City*, setting forth, That in the Month of *September* last, *Lucy*, a Negroe Woman slave, belonging to him, was delivered of a Child that was found dead, and on Suspicion of her having murdered the said Child, was in a few Days apprehended, and committed to the Gaol of the County, by which Means she caught a violent Cold, which occasioned her Death, and praying the Consideration of this House.

Also a *Petition* of *Benedict Rust*, of the County of *Westmoreland*, praying to be allowed for a Negroe Man Slave, named *Morris*, that was committed to the Gaol of the said County, on Suspicion of his having administered poisonous Medicines; and before he could be tried for the same, perished with Cold, and died in the said Gaol.

Also a *Claim* of *William Cilby*, for a Gun that he had impressed for the Use of the *Culpeper* Militia, in the Year 1764, were severally presented to the House, and received.

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions and Claim be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereon to the House.

Mr *Pendleton*, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That the Committee had had under their Consideration, the Return of Writs for electing Burgesses, to serve in this present General Assembly, for the Counties of *Frederick* and *Hampshire*; and



and had come to the following Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place and then delivered in at the Table, where the same was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Returns of the said Writs are made in the Form prescribed by Law.

A *Petition* of *Harry Beverley*, praying, That an Act may pass to empower him to sell Part of certain Lands, of which he is seized in Fee Tail; and with the Money arising thereupon, to purchase Slaves, to be annexed to his other entailed Lands, was presented to the House, and read.

*Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the Prayer of the said *Petition*; and it is referred to Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, and Mr *West*, to prepare and bring in the same.

An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act for exempting the Inhabitants of Mecklenburg County, and also the Minister, and other Parishioners, of St. James's parish, in the said County, from the Payment of Ferriage on Sundays, Court Days, and on the Days appointed for General Musters*, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the said Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the said Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Claims, to levy in the Book of Claims, 4823 lbs. of Tobacco, for Mr *Thomas Rutherford*, for the Attendance of his Witneses, before the Commissioners in the County, on the Information formerly exhibited to this House by the said *Thomas Rutherford* against Col<sup>o</sup> *Adam Stephen*, as formerly settled by the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

On a *Motion* made,

*Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee to take into their further Consideration, the State of the Colony, on *Tuesday* next.

*And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.*

## Wednesday. the 18th of March. 7 Geo. III. 1767.

MR *Bland* from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill, To empower *George Parker* to pay a certain Sum of Money in Lieu of an Annuity charged on certain Slaves, whereof he is possessed; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

On a *Motion* made,

The said *Bill* was read a second Time, and committed to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

A *Petition* of *Sarah Swearingen*, of the County of *Frederick*, praying, That the Act of Assembly passed the former Part of this Session for establishing a Ferry from the Land of *Thomas Shepherd*, of the said County, over the River *Potowmack*, to the Land suggested to be his in *Maryland*, on the opposite Side may be repealed.

Also a *Petition* of fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Augusta*, praying a Division thereof.

Also a *Petition*, in Opposition to a *Petition*, from fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Elizabeth City*, praying, That a Road may be established through the Lands of *Francis Mallory* or *Henry Allen*, *John Jones* and *Nicholas Wilfon Curle*; and that a Bridge may be built over *Back River*, were severally presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*



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*Ordered*, That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereupon to the House.

A Bill To amend an Act, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to explain the Charter, and enlarge the Privileges of the Borough of Norfolk, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.* Also one other Act, intituled, *An Act for enlarging and ascertaining the Limits of the Borough of Norfolk, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read a second Time, and committed to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Mr Bland, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported, That they had had under their Consideration a Petition to them referred, and had come to the following Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read and agreed to by the House, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Petition of fundry Inhabitants of this Colony, praying, That the Bridge over Appomattox River, from the Town of Pocahontas, in Chesterfield County, to the Land of Robert Bolling in Dinwiddie County may be rebuilt, at the Charge of the Public, be rejected.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, To repeal so much an Act of Assembly passed in the twenty fifth Year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for building a bridge over Appomattox River, by Subscription, as relates to prohibit the Justices of the Counties of Dinwiddie and Chesterfield, from building a Bridge, at the Place in the said Act mentioned, at the Charge of the said Counties*; and it is referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, to prepare and bring in the same.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That an humble Address be presented to his Honor the Governor, to inform him that this House have had under their Consideration, a Petition, from the Inhabitants of the County of Amelia, praying a Division thereof. On examining which, their Complaint appeared to be founded not on the extensive Limits of the County, but the inconvenient Situation of their Court House. And as we have in every Instance of his Honor's Administration, experienced his Readiness to hear and redress any Grievance, and promote the Ease of the People, we think it our indispensable Duty to lay this before him, and humbly to desire that he will be pleased to direct the Court of the said County, to be held for the future, at some Place near the Center of the County, and more convenient to the Inhabitants thereof.

*Ordered*, That Mr Tabb, Mr Robert Munford, of Amelia, and Mr Bland, do wait on him with the said Address.

Mr Archibald Cary, from the Committee of Claims, reported That they had had under their Consideration, the Information against Lieu<sup>t</sup> Charles Smith, to them referred; and no Person or Papers appearing to support the said Information, your Committee proceeded to the Consideration of fundry Depositions, taken at the Instance of the said Smith, in his Defence, and had come to the following Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read and agreed to by the House, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the said Information is Groundless; that the said Smith received the Wound in discharging his Duty, as an Officer, for which he receives an annual Allowance from the Public; and that the said Allowance ought to be continued.

On a Motion made,

*Resolved*, That Mr Charles Smith be reimbursed the Expence he has been at in defending the Information exhibited to this House against him.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims do settle and adjust the same.

*And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.*

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<sup>1</sup> Hening, VII, p. 310.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., VII, p. 433.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., VI, p. 293.





Thursday, the 19th of March, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

**M**<sup>R</sup> *Bland*, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Consideration, divers Petitions, to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and are as follow:

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *James Crane* of *Northumberland* County, in Behalf of himself and other Ordinary Keepers, praying, That Merchants, keeping Stores at Court Houses, may be restrained by Law from retailing any Liquor whatever on Court Days, or Days appointed for General Mufters, at the said Court Houses, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition, of *Thomas Waller*, praying to be allowed the Sum of £13. 14. 9, which was consumed with his House by Fire, on the first Day of *February* last, and which was received by his Father, lately deceased, Inspector at *Walkerton* and *Waller's*, for the Use of the Public, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of fundry Merchants and Inhabitants of *Prince George*, and Counties thereto adjacent, praying, That Warehouses, for the Inspection of Tobacco, may be establish at *East Cheap*, now the Property of *Theodorick Bland*, jun<sup>r</sup> late the Property of *John Hood*, deceased, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of divers Freeholders and Inhabitants of *Prince George*, and other Counties, in Opposition thereto, is reasonable.

The *first*, *third* and *fourth* Resolution being read a second Time; and the Question being put that the House agree thereto.

*Resolved* in the Affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in a Bill, pursuant to the first Resolution.

The *second* Resolution being read a second Time,

*Ordered*, That the same be recommitted to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

The Order of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their Consideration, the Bill, For continuing an Act intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, M<sup>r</sup> *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and M<sup>r</sup> *Bland* reported that the Committee had had the said Bill under their Consideration, and had made some Amendments thereto; but not having Time to go through the same, they had directed him to move for Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into the said Committee To-morrow.

A Petition of fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Louisa*, praying, That an Act may pass to suspend the present Pickers of Tobacco, and to prohibit any others for the future, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the Table.

M<sup>r</sup> *Bland* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill, To dock the Intail of 1800 Acres of Land, in the County of *Amelia*, whereof *Anne Hall*, Wife of *John Hall*, is seized in Fee Tail, and for vesting the same in Trustees in Fee Simple, and for other Purposes therein mentioned; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

He also reported, a Bill, To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *William Starke* is seized in Fee Tail, and for settling other Lands to the same Uses; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

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The *Order* of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their Consideration, the Bill, To remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony.

*Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself into the said Committee on *Monday* next.

On a *Motion* made,

A *Bill*, To dock the Intail of 1800 Acres of Land, in the County of *Amelia*, whereof *Anne Hall*, Wife of *John Hall*, is seized in Fee Tail, and for vesting the same in Trustees in Fee Simple and for other Purposes therein mentioned, was read a second Time, and committed to the Members of *Amelia*, *Prince George*, and *Chesterfield*.

On a *Motion* made,

A *Bill*, To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *William Starke* is seized in Fee Tail, and for settling other Lands to the same Uses, was read a second Time, and committed to the Members of *Prince George*, *Dinwiddie*, and *Amelia*.

On a *Motion* made.

*Ordered*, That there be a Call of the House on *Monday* next.

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

## Friday, the 20th of March, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

A *Petition* of Cap<sup>t</sup> *Hancock Eustace*, setting forth, that some Years ago he petitioned the Assembly, praying to be redressed for some Losses he unfortunately sustained in the Service of his Country; but that he happened to be in *Great Britain* at the Time his *Petition* was enquired into, and was laid aside for Want of Proof; that he is now ready to produce Vouchers to his Claim, and praying the Consideration of the House.

Also a *Claim* of *David Thompson*, for Provisions furnished the *Hampshire* Militia.

Also a *Claim* of *Moses Ashbrooke*, for 5 Horses employed 8 Days in carrying the Sick from *Fort Byrd* to *Cumberland*.

Also a *Claim* of *Daniel Richardson*, for his Bounty omitted by Mistake of the Commissioners, were severally presented to the House and received.

*Ordered*, That the *Petition* and *Claims* be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereupon to the House.

A *Petition* of the Proprietors of the Ferries kept at *James Town* and *Swan Point*, praying, That the Rates of Ferriage may be increased.

Also two *Petitions* of sundry Inhabitants, of the County of *James City*, praying, That the Line of their County, which was established by Act of Assembly in the former Part of this Session, may be altered.

Also an *Account* of *Abraham Smith*, for acting 52 Days as Major of the Militia, in *Augusta*, by Order of Col<sup>o</sup> *Andrew Lewis*.

Also an *Account* of Col<sup>o</sup> *John McNeill*, for acting 43 Days as Lieu<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> of the Militia in *Augusta* by Order of Col<sup>o</sup> *Andrew Lewis*, were severally presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petitions* and *Accounts* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereupon to the House.

Mr *Pendleton*, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That the Committee had had under their further Consideration, the *Petition* of Mr *Henry Fry*, to them referred, complaining of the undue Election and return of Mr *Edward Carter*, to serve as a Burgess in this present General Assembly, for the County of *Albemarle*, and have agreed to the following Report, and come to a Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, agreed to by the House, as follows:

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On the Day appointed for the Hearing of the Petition, Mr *Fry* appeared before your Committee; and alledging that he had not gone through the Examination of his Witneffes, desired the Hearing might be put off to some future Time, that he might finish such Examination; which your Committee did not think it reasonable to grant, being of Opinion he had been allowed sufficient Time for that Purpose; whereupon Mr *Fry* declaring that he could not further prosecute the said Petition.

*Resolved*, That the said *Edward Carter* is duly elected to serve as a Burgess in this present General Assembly, for the said County of *Albemarle*.

Mr *Cary*, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That the Committee had, according to Order, stated an Account of the Expenses that Lieu<sup>t</sup> *Charles Smith* had been at in defending the Information exhibited to this House against him relative to his Pension, and do find the same to amount to £26.10.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Claims, to make an Allowance, in the Book of Claims, agreeable to the said Report.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Consideration, the Petition of *Thomas Buford*, and other Officers, who served as Volunteers, from this Colony, under Col<sup>o</sup> *Bouquet*, in an Expedition against the *Shawanese* and *Delaware* Indians, to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the said *Thomas Buford*, *John Field*, *Hankerson Read*, *James Cowherd*, *Thomas Chizem*, *Richard Houghland*, *Henry Houghland*, *James Colvin*, *Hugh Stevenson*, *Philip Rofs*, *Isaac Cox*, and *Philip Barber*, be allowed the Sum of £40. each, as an Acknowledgment of their Merit, and the extraordinary Service they rendered to this Colony by their gallant Behaviour on the said Expedition, but not as Pay, they being not intitled thereto, as they were not appointed to the said Service by the Directions of the General Assembly: And that the further Sum of £40. be allowed the said *Thomas Buford*, as a Compensation for the Expence, and in Reward of his extraordinary Care and Humanity, in bringing in, and delivering to, their respective Parents, the Captives belonging to this Colony.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Claims, to make an Allowance, in the Book of Claims, agreeable to the said Resolution.

The Order of the Day being read, for the House again to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their further Consideration, the Bill, For continuing an Act, intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*.

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into the said Committee Tomorrow.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Robert Munford*, of *Amelia*, have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House until Monday Fortnight.

*And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.*

## Saturday, the 21st of March, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

**A** Petition of *Kendall Lee*, of the County of *Northumberland*, praying, That an Act may pass to dock the Intail of 2050 Acres of Land, in the County of *Accomack*, on his settling 58 Acres of Land, adjoining other intailed Lands, in the said County of *Northumberland*, and 235 Acres, in the County of *Loudoun*, in Lieu thereof; and Negroes to be annexed to the said Lands to the same Uses.

*Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in, pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition; and it is referred to Mr *Richard Lee*, and Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, to prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Blair* be added to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

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A *Petition of Richard Doggett*, setting forth, That in the Year 1762 he got recruiting Instructions, and did enlist 16 Men for his Majesty's Service, three of which deserted before he could get them to the Place of Rendezvous; that he paid them all their Bounty Money, and found them subsistence for 29 Days each, for which he has never received any Satisfaction; and praying the Consideration of the House.

Also a *Petition of Fortunatus Crutchfield*, praying to be allowed for a Negroe Man Slave, who happened, by Mistake, not to be outlawed, but was shot with other Slaves who were outlawed, were severally presented to the House, and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereupon to the House.

Mr *Pendleton* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill, To dock the Intail of certain Lands whercof *Harry Beverley*, Gent. is seized, and for settling Slaves, to be purchased in Lieu thereof, and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

An Affidavit of *Thomas Bullett*, of the County of *Fauquier*, setting forth, That in the Year 1766, a Negro Man named *Ben*, belonging to him, was condemned to be hanged by the County Court of *Culpeper*, for Felony; but before the Time for his being executed he broke the Gaol of the said County, and hath not been since apprehended, and that he was neither directly nor indirectly concerned in the Escape of the said Slave, was presented to the House, and read.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Claims, to make an Allowance, in the Book of Claims, to the said *Thomas Bullett*, for his said Negroe.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their further Consideration, the *Petition of Thomas Waller*, to them re-committed; and also the *Petition of the Proprietors of the Ferries at Swan's Point and James Town*, to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the *Petition of Thomas Waller*, praying to be allowed the Sum of £13.14.9, received by his late Father, Inspector at *Walkerton* and *Waller's*, for the Use of the Public, and consumed by Fire, on the first Day of *February* last, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That the *Petition of the Proprietors of the Ferries at Swan's Point and James Town*, praying, That the Rates of Ferries may be increased, is reasonable.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in a Bill, pursuant to the second Resolution.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Treasurer, to make an Allow to the said *Thomas Waller*, agreeable to the first Resolution.

A *Petition of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick*, praying, That an Act may pass to enable the Vestry of the said Parish, to levy on the Inhabitants thereof £150, for the support of a Minister, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereupon to the House.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Claims, to make an Allowance, in the Book of Claims, of £23 each, to Messrs *James Wood* and *Thomas Rutherford* two of the Commissioners for settling the Militia Accounts in the northern Department.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill For altering the Court Day of *Lancaster*; and it is referred to Mr *Mitchell* and Mr *Charles Carter*, to prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee, that they receive a Clause or Clauses, for altering the Court Day of *Princess Anne*.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*



*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, For applying to the Aid of the public Fund, the Surplus of the Money, which shall remain in the Hands of the Treasurer, after paying the Expences of the Militia, according to the Direction of an Act passed the last Session of Assembly, intituled, *An Act for raising a public Levy, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; and it is referred to Mr Bland to prepare and bring in the same.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill For the Preservation of the Breed of Cattle; and it is referred to Mr Mercer and Mr Richard Lee, to prepare and bring in the same.

The Order of the Day being read, for the House again to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their further Consideration, the Bill, for continuing an Act intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*; The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some Time spent therein Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Bland reported, That the Committee had had the same under their further Consideration; but not having Time to go through the same, they had ordered him to move for Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into the said Committee on Monday next.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, For erecting Warehouses for the Reception of Hemp; and it is referred to Mr Archibald Cary, and Mr Henry Lee, to prepare and bring in the same.

On a Motion made,

A Bill, To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof Harry Beverley, Gent. is seized, and for settling Slaves, to be purchased, in Lieu thereof; and the said Bill was read the second Time and committed to the Members of King George, Caroline, and Westmoreland.

Mr Tabb informed the House, that he had waited on his Honor the Governor with the Address of this House, desiring that he would be pleased to direct the Removal of the Court House of Amelia to a more convenient Place; and that his Honor was pleased to say that he would grant a Writ of Adjournment, when the Justices of the said County had agreed on a proper Place for the same.

Mr Bland from the Committee appointed, reported, That the said Committee had had under their Consideration, the Bill, To dock the Intail of 800 Acres of Land, in the County of Amelia, whereof Anne Hall, Wife of John Hall, is seized in Fee Tail, and for vesting the same in Trustees in Fee Simple, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, and found the Allegations to be true, but had made no Amendments to the same.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third Time.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given, to bring in a Bill, To empower the Justices of Amelia County, to purchase — Acres of Land, whereon to erect a Court-House, and Houses of Entertainment, and other necessary Buildings, and to empower the said Justices to levy a Sum of Money, not exceeding —, upon the Tithable Persons, in the said County, for the Purposes above mentioned; and the said Justices to rent the said Buildings out, from Year to Year, and to apply the Money arising therefrom, towards the lessening their County Levy; and it is referred to Mr Tabb, and Mr Archibald Cary, to prepare and bring in the same.

*And then the House adjourned until Monday Morning 11 o'Clock.*

**Monday**

\* Hening, VIII, p. 38.

\* Ibid., VIII, p. 69.







Monday, the 23rd of March, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

**M**R Mitchell presented to the House according to Order, a Bill, For altering the Court Days of the County of *Lancaster* and *Princess Anne*; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Correspondence do lay before this House all the Letters from the Agent of this Colony, received since the Adjournment of this House.

The House being informed that the Sheriff of *York* had served a Writ on Mr *Edward Ambler*, a Member of this House, at the Suit of Mr *James Pride*, within the Time of Privilege.

*Ordered*, That the said Information be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections; that they examine into the same, and report their Opinions thereupon to the House.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported that the Committee had had under their Consideration a Petition of the Vestry and Inhabitants of the Parish of *Frederick*, and County of *Frederick*, to the referred, and had come to the following Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the House as follows:

*Resolved*, that the said Petition, praying, That the Vestry of the said Parish may be empowered to levy on the Inhabitants thereof a sufficient Sum for the Support of a Minister and his Family, is reasonable.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Propositions and Grievances do prepare and bring in a Bill pursuant to the said Resolution.

A Petition of *Henry Mitchell*, praying to be allowed his Expences in the Cure of a Negroe Man, who was condemned for a Burglary, but was recommended as an Object of Mercy to his Honor the Governor, by the Court; and before his Pardon could be obtained, was under the Necessity, from the Inclemency of the Weather, of having his right Leg and left Foot cut off.

Also a Petition of *Richard Doggett*, setting forth, That in the Year 1762, he recruited and passed 13 Soldiers, for his Majesty's Service, with Col<sup>o</sup> *Lewis*; and not being able to attend the Army, the Bounty of two of the said Soldiers was omitted to be allowed him in his Account; and praying the Consideration of the House, were severally presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinion thereupon to the House.

Two Petitions of the Inhabitants of the Parish of *Overwharton*, in the County of *Stafford*, praying a Dissolution of the Vestry of the said Parish, were presented to the House, and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereupon to the House.

Sundry Accounts of the Militia of *Frederick*, raised by Order of Col<sup>o</sup> *Adam Stephen*, for suppressing a Mob of Negroes, were presented to the House, and received.

*Ordered*, That the said Accounts be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the same, and report their Opinions thereupon to the House.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill To compel Ships import Convicts or Servants, infected with the Gaol Fever or Small Pox, to perform Quarantine; and it is referred to Mr *Mercer*, and Mr *Henry Lee*, to prepare and bring in the same.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, To establish a more easy and expeditious Method for the Trial of Criminals, and Causes depending in the General Court; and it is referred to Mr *Mercer*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Wythe*, Mr *Blair*, Mr *Mason*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Bland*, and Mr *Archibald Cary*, to prepare and bring in the same.

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The *Order* of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into Consideration, the Bill, To remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony.

*Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself into the said Committee on *Thursday* next.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, For laying an additional Duty on Slaves imported into this Colony; and it is referred to Mr *Henry Lee*, and Mr *John Bolling*, to prepare and bring in the same.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, To confirm the Title to Lands, claimed by or under Aliens, in certain Cases; and it is referred to Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Wythe*, and Mr *Bland*, to prepare and bring in the same.

An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act to dock the Intail of 800 Acres of Land, in the County of Amelia, whereof Anne Hall, Wife of John Hall, is seized in Fee Tail, and for vesting the same in Trustees in Fee Simple, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read a third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Cole* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House until the 10th of next Month.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the House again to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their further Consideration, the Bill, For continuing an *Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*: The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some Time spent therein Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported, That they had had the same under their Consideration; but not having Time to go through the same, they had directed him to move for Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into the said Committee To-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the Petitions from sundry Freeholders of the Counties of *Westmoreland*, *Prince George*, *Louisa*, and a Resolution from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, which were respectively ordered to lie on the Table, be committed to the said Committee.

Mr *Archibald Cary*, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That the Committee had had under their Consideration, the Petition of *Junior Turner*, to them referred, and had come to the following Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and is as follows:

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said Petition ought to be rejected.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be recommitted to the said Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Robinson* be added to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

*And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.*

## Tuesday, the 24th of March. 7 Geo. III. 1767.

MR *Bland* from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances to whom the Bill, To empower *George Parker* to pay a certain Sum of Money, in Lieu of an Annuity, charged on certain Slaves whereof he is possessed, was committed, reported, That the said Committee had made several Amendments thereto which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 291.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 69.







*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the Amendments be engrossed, and read a third Time.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee, to whom the Bill, To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Harry Beverley*, Gent. is seized, and for settling Slaves, to be purchased, in Lieu thereof, was committed, reported, That they had examined into the Allegations thereof, and found them to be true, and had made some Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill with the Amendments, be engrossed, and read a third Time.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Correspondence<sup>1</sup>, laid before the House, according to Order, a Letter and some Papers received from the Agent since the Adjournment.

*Ordered*, That the said Letter and Papers be referred to the Committee, to examine into the State of the Colony.

A *Petition* of fundry Inhabitants of *New Kent County*, in Opposition to a *Petition* of fundry Inhabitants of the County of *James City*, praying, That the Act of Assembly passed in the former Part of this Session for dividing the said Counties, by certain Lines therein mentioned, may be altered.

Also a *Petition* of *Thomas Irvin*, setting forth, That in the Year 1759 he was appointed, by Col<sup>o</sup> *Byrd*, a Major of Brigade, and continued to act as such in the Year 1760 and 1761.

Also a *Petition* of *Levin Teackle*, setting forth, That he has a Quantity of funken Grounds, which would be of great Advantage to him, if he could be permitted to drain the same; and praying that he may be permitted to dig a Ditch through the Land of *Samuel Bagg*, and the Heir of *Fisher Bradford*, deceased, on his paying them such Damages as shall be adjudged they shall sustain thereby, were severally presented to the House, and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereupon to the House.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Consideration two Petitions to them referred and had come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read and agreed to by the House as follows:

*Resolved*, That the *Petition* of fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Elizabeth City*, praying, That they may be impowered by Law to build a Bridge over *Back River*, in the said County, by Subscription, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That a *Petition* of fundry other Inhabitants, of the said County, in Opposition thereto, be rejected.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in a Bill, pursuant to the first Resolution.

Mr *Mercer* presented to the House according to Order, a Bill, For the Preservation of the Breed of Cattle; and the said Bill was read the first time and ordered to be read a second Time.

A *Claim* of *Daniel Belford* for a Gun that was impressed, for the Use of the *Loudoun* Militia was presented to the House and received.

*Ordered*, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Claims.

A Bill, For altering the Court Days of the Counties of *Lancaster*, and *Princess Anne*, was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third Time.

A *Petition* of *Philip Barbour*, in Behalf of himself and other Inhabitants, of *Bromfield* Parish, in the County of *Culpeper*, praying, That the Vestry of the said Parish may be dissolved, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*

<sup>1</sup> Committee of Correspondence Papers—Virginia State Library.



*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the next Session of Assembly.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their Consideration the state of the Colony.

*Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself into the said Committee To-morrow.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Claims, to examine, state, and settle the Claim of the County of *Fauquier*, for Arms belonging to that County, taken for the Use of the Militia, when drawn into actual Service, and make a Report thereof, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon to the House.

A *Petition* of *Edward Westmore*, Keeper of the Public Gaol, praying to be allowed the accustomed Salary, which was reduced at the former Meeting of this Assembly, was presented to the House, and read.

And the *Question* being put, that the said Petition be referred to a Committee.

It passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That the said Petition be rejected.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their further Consideration, the Bill, For continuing an Act, intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*: The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some Time spent therein, Mr *Speaker* returned the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported, That the Committee had had the same under their Consideration; but not having Time to go through the same, they had directed him to move for Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into the said Committee To-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

### Wednesday, the 25th of March, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

MR *Bland*, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill, To prohibit Merchants from retailing Liquors at or near Court-Houses, on Court Days or Days of General Musters.

Also a Bill, To repeal an Act passed in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty *George* the second, intituled, *An Act to empower the Justices of the County of Norfolk, to agree with Persons to keep certain Ferries, and to levy the Expence thereof, upon the Inhabitants of the said County, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; and the said Bills were read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr *Richard Lee* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill, To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Kendall Lee* is seized, and for settling other Lands and Slaves to the same Uses; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That Mr *John Lee* be added to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Mr *Tabb* presented to the House according to Order, a Bill, To enable the Justices, of the County of *Amelia*, to purchase Lands, whereon to build a Court House, and for other Purposes therein mentioned; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

On a *Motion* made,

A Bill, To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Kendall Lee* is seized and for settling other Lands and Slaves to the same Uses, was read the second Time, and committed







mitted to Mr *Richard Lee*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Benjamin Harrison*, Mr *Thomson Mason*, Mr *Francis Lee*, and the Members of *Northumberland*, *Lancaster*, *Accomack* and *Northampton*.

A *Bill*, To amend an Act, intituled, *An Act for preventing Frauds in the Customs, and in clearing of Ships, for ascertaining Collectors and Naval Officers Fees, and to prohibit and prevent the casting Ballast or dead Bodies into Rivers or Creeks*, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Newton*, and Mr *Moseley*.

The *Order of the Day* being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their Consideration the State of the Colony.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some Time spent therein, Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr *Blair* reported that the Committee had had the same under their Consideration; but not having Time to go through the same, they had directed him to move for Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into the said Committee on *Friday* next.

Mr *Archibald Cary*, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That the Committee had had under their Consideration, the Petition of *Junior Turner*, to them recommitted. Also two other Petitions to them referred, and have come to several Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House, with an Amendment, as follow:

On Consideration of the *Petition of Junior Turner*, it appears to your Committee, by the Testimony of two Witnesses, that the Slave, in the said Petition mentioned, was taken up on Suspicion of her having murdered a Child, of which she had lately been delivered, was committed to the Gaol of *James City County*, and tried the third Day after her Delivery, and acquitted: That while in Gaol she was taken sick of a Fever, and though the Weather was very cold, she, by the Direction of her Mistress, who attended her during her confinement, was removed Home the same Evening: That she languished under the Fever about three Months, and died: And, that she was a valuable Slave, in the seventeenth Year of her Age. It further appears, by the Testimony of *John Kemp*, that the Evening of the Day on which the said Slave was acquitted, he met her on her Way Home in a Cart, driven by a Negroe Fellow, and the Weather being very cold, he advised the Driver to lodge her at some House where Mr *Turner* was acquainted, until the Weather became more moderate, who answered, That Mr<sup>s</sup> *Turner's* positive Orders to him were to carry her Home that Night: That she was then setting up in the Cart, with an old Rug wrapped about her, and did not appear to be sick.

*Resolved*, That the said Petition is reasonable; and that the Petitioner ought to be allowed the Sum of £60 for the said Slave.

On Consideration of the *Petition of Henry Mitchell*, it appears to your Committee, by the Proceedings of the Court of the County of *Spotsylvania*, that the Slave, in the Petition mentioned, was arranged for Burglary, and sentenced to be hanged; and by the said Court valued at £70: But he being recommended as an Object of Mercy, the Petitioner obtained a Pardon for him. It also appears by sundry Depositions and Accounts produced, that the said Slave was frost-bitten while in Gaol; in Consequence whereof he lost his right leg, and Half his left Foot, notwithstanding the Care that was taken by the Petitioner, and the Expence he was at to the Surgeons and Nurse, which amounted to £35. 7. 9 in endeavouring to effect his Cure.

*Resolved*, That the said Petition is reasonable; and that the Petitioner ought to be allowed the Sum of £35. 7. 9 for the Damage done the said Slave.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of *Benedict Rust*, to be paid for a Slave who was committed to Gaol on Suspicion of his feloniously administering poisonous Medicines, and died in Gaol before he could be tried, is reasonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of £20 for the said Slave.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Claims, to make the respective Allowances, in the Book of Claims, pursuant to the above Resolutions.

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He also reported, that the said Committee had had under their Consideration, several Claims to them referred, for the Pay and Expences of the Militia of *Augusta* County, and had agreed to a Report, and drawn up an stated and Account thereof, and had come to a Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to with some Amendments, as follow:

## AUGUSTA

|       |                                  |                                                     |    |     |   |
|-------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----|-----|---|
|       | To James M <sup>c</sup> Kathey   | for Provisions in 1763.....                         | £  | 2.  | 6 |
| 1757. | To William Graham                | for Smith's Work.....                               | 1. | 3.  |   |
|       | To D <sup>o</sup>                | for Provisions.....                                 | 1. | 15. | 9 |
| 1763. | To James M <sup>c</sup> Affee    | for a Beef.....                                     | 3. |     |   |
| 1763. | To Daniel M <sup>c</sup> Cormack | for a Bag.....                                      | 4. | 6   |   |
| 1757. | To Richard Burton                | for a Steer.....                                    | 1. | 10. |   |
| 1759. | To John Crockett                 | for 41 Days Pay as Sergeant, at $\frac{1}{4}$ ..... | 2. | 14. | 8 |
|       | To Philip Watkins                | D <sup>o</sup> as Soldier, at $\frac{1}{2}$ .....   | 2. | 1.  |   |
|       | To William Edmondson             | D <sup>o</sup> D <sup>o</sup> .....                 | 2. | 1.  |   |
|       | To James Johnson                 | D <sup>o</sup> D <sup>o</sup> .....                 | 2. | 1.  |   |
|       | To William Christian             | for Bounty paid Thomas Lewis,.....                  | 2. |     |   |

*Resolved*, That the said Claims ought to be paid by the Public.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Claims, to make an Allowance, in the Book of Claims, pursuant to the said Resolution.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their further Consideration, the Bill, For continuing an Act, intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs.*

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into the said Committee To-morrow.

M<sup>r</sup> Archibald Cary, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That the Committee had had under their Consideration fundry Claims to them referred, for the Pay and Expences of the Militia of the Counties of *Augusta*, *Culpeper*, and *Frederick*, of which they had Stated and Account, and had come to a Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows:

## AUGUSTA.

*George Teeter* for Work in building a Fort in 1764.  
*James Sawyer's* Pay Roll, Volunteers in 1764.  
*R. Walker Johnson* for a Horse impressed in 1763.  
*James M<sup>c</sup>Dowell* for his Pay as Cap<sup>t</sup> and for Provisions in 1755.  
*Robert Martin* for a Horse lost in *Shawanese* Expedition in 1756.  
*James M<sup>c</sup>Donald* for Beef killed by the *Indians* in 1763.  
*David Cloyde* for Horse Hire &c. in 1758.  
*Richard Bodkin* for a Mare taken and killed by *Indians* in 1764.

## CULPEPER.

1764 *Eli Thompson* for a Gun impressed; not sufficient Proof.  
 1764 *Joseph Pollard* for D<sup>o</sup> the same.

## FREDERICK.

*Moses Ashbrooke* for Horse Hire, by Order of Col<sup>o</sup> *Bouquet*, in 1761.  
*Resolved*, That the said Claims ought to be rejected.  
 And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Thursday







Thursday. the 26th of March. 7 Geo. III. 1767.

Mr *Cary*, from the Committee of public Claims, reported, That the Committee had examined and considered all the public Claims, which had been laid before them this Session, and had agreed upon a Report which he had entered in a Book; and he delivered the Book in at the Table.

*Ordered*, That the said Report do lie on the Table.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Consideration, the Petition of Major *Thomas Irwin*, to them referred, and had come to the following Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said Petition is reasonable; and that the said *Thomas Irwin* be allowed the Sum of £300, in full for his Services to this Colony for three Years.

The said *Resolution* being read a second Time, and the Question put, that the House agree thereto.

It passed in the Negative.

On a *Motion* made,

*Resolved*, That the said *Thomas Irwin* be allowed £175 for his Services to this Country.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims do make an Allowance, in the book of Claims, pursuant to the above Resolution.

A *Petition* of *Littleton Eyre* and *Severn Eyre*, of the County of *Northampton*, setting forth, That they have been at a great Expence in erecting convenient Houses for the Entertainment of Travellers, and commodious Boats for their speedy Passage from the public Ferry at *Hungar's*, in *Northampton* County, to *York*, *Hampton*, and *Norfolk*, and praying that the People of *Accomack* may be prohibited from transporting Travellers from the said County to the aforesaid Towns, was presented to the House, and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereupon to the House.

A *Letter* from Mr *James Pride*, directed to the Clerk of the Committee of Privileges, containing an Excuse for his Non-Attendance on the said Committee, agreeable to a Summons for that Purpose, being laid before the House, and considered.

*Resolved*, That the said Letter is Scandalous, and that the said *James Pride* has been guilty of a high Breach of the Privileges of this House in writing the same.

*Ordered*, That he be immediately taken into Custody of the Serjeant at Arms; and that the Serjeant be empowered to break open Doors, and to call in all necessary Assistance, in case the said *Pride* should deny or refuse to surrender himself.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill, For paying the Minister of the Parish of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick* £——, instead of the Salary now allowed; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

On a *Motion* made,

The said Bill was read the second Time, and committed to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Mr *Cary*, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That the Committee had had under their Consideration, three Petitions to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

*Resolved*, That that Part of the last Article of the Account produced by *Hancock Eustace* against the Colony, in Support of his Petition, is reasonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of £20 for a Deforter, and to reimburse him the Extraordinary Expence



Expence he was at in the Subsistence of 51 Recruits, on their March to the Place of General Rendezvous: And that the Residue of the said Account, being £98. 17, 4½, for sundry Articles therein mentioned, ought to be rejected.

On Consideration of the *Petitions of Richard Dogget*, praying an Allowance for the Bounty, Inlisting Money, and Subsistence of 5 Soldiers recruited by him for his Majesty's Service; two of whom were, by a Mistake in the Person who delivered them to the commanding Officer, not allowed in his Account, and the other three deserted before they got to the Place of Rendezvous: It appears to your Committee that the Petitioner had paid the Bounty and Inlisting Money to four of the said Soldiers and found Subsistence for three.

*Resolved*, That the said Petitions are reasonable; and that he ought to be reimbursed the Sum of £50. 7 by the Public for the same.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Claims to make an Allowance, in the Book of Claims, pursuant to the above Resolutions.

The *Order of the Day* being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to take under their Consideration, the Bill, To remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony.

*Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself into the said Committee on *Monday next*.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That the Treasurer be directed to settle the Accounts of the several Officers that are in Arrear to this Colony, and that he be directed to proceed against all those who shall neglect to attend and settle the same.

The *Order of the Day* being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to take under their further Consideration, the Bill, for continuing an Act, intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*: The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some Time spent therein, Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported, That the Committee had had the same under their Consideration; but not having Time to go through the same, they had directed him to move for Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into the said Committee To-morrow.

*And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.*

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## Friday, the 27th of March, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

MR Woodbridge presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill, For the more effectual preventing the tending of Tobacco Seconds; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances reported, That the Committee had had under their Consideration, two Petitions to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read; and agreed to by the House, as follow:

*Resolved*, That the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *James City* and *New Kent*, praying, That an Act passed in the former Part of this Session of Assembly, For adding Part of the County of *James City* to the County of *New Kent*, and Part of the County of *New Kent* to the County of *James City*, may be amended, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of divers Inhabitants of *New Kent* County in Opposition thereto, is reasonable.

The *Speaker* laid before the House a Letter, dated on this Day, directed to him, from Mr *James Pride*, representing his inability to attend the Committee of Privileges, occasioned







occasioned by his Indisposition and a Certificate inclosed from Mr *Matthew Pope*, Surgeon, that the said *Pride* was much indisposed, and ought not to go out of his House on this Day.

*Ordered*, That Doctor *John De Siqueyra*, Physician, and Mr *William Pasteur*, Surgeon, be desired to go immediately to *York*, and enquire into the state of the said *Pride's* Health, and make a Report of the same to the House.

Mr *Pendleton*, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That the Committee had proceeded to an Inquiry upon the Information to them referred, that the Sheriff of *York* County had served a Writ on Mr *Edward Ambler*, a Member of this House, at the Suit of Mr *James Pride* within the Time of Privilege; and have heard Mr *Benjamin Waller*, the Clerk of the General Court, and *William Mitchell*, Under-Sheriff of *York*, who served the said Writ (*James Pride* having Notice and failing to attend) and have agreed upon a Report, and come to several Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his place, and then delivered in at the Table; where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

It appears to your Committee, that on the tenth Day of this Instant, while the Clerk of the General Court and the Attornies were assembled in the Office, prosecuting the Business usually dispatched at the Rules, a Memorandum was delivered by Mr *Pride's* Agent, by his Direction, to one of the Attornies there attending, for obtaining the Writ in the Information mentioned, with others to be issued from the Office: That the Gentleman to whom the Memorandum was delivered, doubted whether he should engage in the Prosecution of those Suits; but that Mr *Pride* might not be delayed he delivered the Memorandum to the aforesaid *William Mitchell*, with Directions to apply to the Clerk for those Writs: That he accordingly shewed the Memorandum to Mr *Waller*, who immediately delivered it to a Clerk in the said Office; whereupon the said Writs were made out and signed and delivered to the said *Mitchell* to be carried to the said *Pride*, which was accordingly done the same Day, and after a few Hours was re-delivered by the said *Pride* to the said *Mitchell*, with Orders to execute the same immediately; whereupon the said *Mitchell* did on that or the next Day arrest Mr *Ambler*, of whom he did not require Bail: That soon after the said Arrest, the said *Mitchell*, being informed, that the same was a breach of Mr *Ambler's* Privilege, complained to the said *Pride* that he had led him into a Scrape; upon which the said *Pride* told him he need not be uneasy, for he would indemnify him.

It does not appear to your Committee, that there was any Intention to violate the Privilege of Mr *Ambler*, either in the Clerk or Sheriff; but, that as to the former, the issuing of the Writ proceeded from his inattention, by Means of the Business he was then engaged in; and as to the latter, the Service of the said Writ proceeded merely from his Want of Recollection, being lately appointed to Office.

*Resolved*, That the said *Benjamin Waller*, in issuing the said Writ, is guilty of a Breach of the Privileges of this House.

*Resolved*, That the said *William Mitchell*, in serving the said Writ, is guilty of a Breach of the Privileges of this House.

*Resolved*, That the said *James Pride* is guilty of a high Breach of the Privileges of this House.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That Mr *Benjamin Waller*, who issued the said Writ, and Mr *William Mitchell*, who served the same, be excused, inasmuch as their Offences proceeded from Inadvertence, and not from a Design to violate the Privileges of this House.

*Ordered*, That the last Resolution do lie on the Table.

Mr *Richard Lee*, from the Committee appointed, reported, That the said Committee had had under their Consideration, the Bill, To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Kendall Lee* is seized, and for settling other Lands and Slaves to the same Uses, and found the Allegations to be true, but had made no Amendments to the same.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third Time.

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The *Order* of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their further Consideration, the Bill, For continuing an Act, intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs.*

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into the said Committee To-morrow.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their further Consideration the State of the Colony.

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into the said Committee on *Tuesday* next.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That the Committee appointed to take into their Consideration a Memorial of the Administrators, with the Will annexed, of the Estate of *John Robinson, Esq<sup>r</sup>*, and also his Accounts as Treasurer be revived, and that the House resolve itself into the said Committee on *Wednesday* next.

A *Claim* of *Edward Foley*, a Soldier in the *Virginia* Regiment, praying to be allowed for five Months Pay, was presented to the House and received.

*Ordered*, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinion thereupon to the House.

Several *Petitions*, from sundry Inhabitants of the Counties of *Frederick* and *Hampshire*, setting forth, That they are deprived of an Advantage that might accrue to them, that of supplying in some Measure the King's Troops on the Western Department, by the extreme Badness of the Road from this Government to *Fort Pitt*, that they conceive the opening and repairing *Braddock's Road* will not only be an Advantage to the frontier Parts of this Colony, but benefit the Public in general; and praying the Consideration of the House, was presented to the House, and read.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petitions* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereupon to the House.

*And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.*

## Saturday, the 28th of March. 7 Geo. III. 1767.

**M**R *Bland* laid before the House a Certificate of *John De Siqueyra*, Physician, and *William Pasteur*, Surgeon, setting forth, That in Obedience to an Order of this House they had waited on Mr *James Pride*, and found him free from Fever, and with no dangerous Complaint; but that, from his own Relation of his Case, he was much troubled with nervous Disorders.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That the Sergeant at Arms do immediately bring the said *James Pride* to *Williamsburg*.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported; That the Committee had had under their Consideration, two *Petitions* to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and are as follow:

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of *Sarah Swearingen*, Widow of *Thomas Swearingen*, that an Act passed in the fifth year of his present Majesty's Reign, For establishing a Ferry from the land of *Thomas Shepherd*, at *Mecklenburg*, in *Frederick* County, to *Maryland*, may be repealed, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of *Levin Teacle*, praying, That an Act may pass empowering him to dig a Ditch through the Land of  
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*Samuel Bagg*, and the Heir of *Fisher Bradford*, deceased, on paying them such Damages as they shall sustain thereby, is reasonable.

The *first* Resolution being read a second Time, and the Question put, that the House agree thereto,

It passed in the Affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Propositions and Grievances do prepare and bring in a Bill pursuant to the said Resolution.

The *second* Resolution being read a second Time and the Question put, that the House agree thereto,

It passed in the Negative,

*Resolved*, That the said Petition of *Levin Teacle* be rejected.

*Mr Henry Lee* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill, For erecting Warehouses for the Reception of Hemp; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A *Petition* of fundry Quakers, in Behalf of themselves and others of their Society, in *Virginia*, setting forth, That it is contrary to the Dictates of their Conscience to make any Preparation for War, and therefore cannot attend at Mufters; for which Failure they are fined and distressed under the Militia Law, and praying, That this House will take their Sufferings into Consideration.

*Also a Petition* of *Job Pearfall*, of the County of *Hampshire* setting forth, That in the Year 1756 a large Fort was erected on his Land, by Order of *Col<sup>o</sup> Washington*, of the *Virginia* Regiment, and a great Quantity of his Timber cut down and used as well by the Inhabitants as those of the Garrison until the End of *General Forbes's* Campaign, in the Winter of the Year 1758: That in the Year 1763 the *Indian* War began; at which Time your Petitioner's Plantation was a second Time pitched on for a Garrison and the said Fort repaired at the further Expence of his said Timber, which continued to the Winter 1764: He further shews, that he was ever willing to promote the Service of his Country, and did many Times pilot the Officers and Parties to different Places, and was obliged to return by Night for Security, and in every inclement Season, by which his Constitution is impaired to that Degree that he is now rendered incapable of supporting Himself and a numerous Family; and praying the Consideration of this House, were severally presented to the House, and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereupon to the House.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That no Petition be received in this House after *Thursday* next.

A *Petition* of *Isaac Perkins*, setting forth, That by being Security for a certain *Andrew Mealy* he became culpable for the Rent of a House, in the Town of *Winchester*, for a Term of Years; Part of which Time it was occupied as an Hospital by the *Virginia* Regiment, for which he received of this House Fifty odd Pounds; but in repairing the damages occasioned thereby, it has obliged him to keep the said House in his Possession longer than he otherwise should have done, at the heavy Rent of £35 *per Annum*; and praying the Consideration of the House, was presented to the House, and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinion thereupon to the House.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, To enable the Justices of *Frederick* and *Culpeper* Counties, to levy upon their respective Tithables a Sum not exceeding £100, for the Purposes therein mentioned; and it is referred to *Mr Mason* and *Mr Mercer* to prepare and bring in the same.

*Mr Henry Lee* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill, For laying an additional Duty upon Slaves imported into this Colony; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

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An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act for altering the Court Days of the Counties of Lancaster and Prince's Anne*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up, and an engrossed Rider added thereto.

*Resolved*, That the said *Bill* do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Mitchell* do carry the said *Bill* to the Council for their Concurrence.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their further Consideration, the *Bill*, For continuing an Act, intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*: The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some Time spent therein, Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported, That the Committee had had the same under their Consideration, and had gone through the same, and had made several Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the *Bill*, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to, with some Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the said *Bill*, with the Amendments, be engrossed, and read a third Time.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a *Bill*, To amend an Act, intituled, *An Act to oblige the Prosecutors of Offences, not capital, to pay the Costs of the Prosecution, where the Defendant shall be acquitted*; and it is referred to Mr *Simpson* and Mr *Henry Lee* to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr *Mason* presented to the House, according to Order, a *Bill*, To enable the Justices of *Frederick* and *Culpeper* Counties, to levy upon their respective Tithables a Sum not exceeding £100, for the Purposes therein mentioned; and the said *Bill* was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

*And then the House adjourned until Monday Morning 11 o'Clock.*

## Monday, the 30th of March. 7 Geo. III. 1767.

A *Petition* of sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Augusta*, setting forth the Inconveniences they labour under, by Reason of their Remoteness from their Court House, and praying a Division thereof.

Also a *Petition* of sundry other Inhabitants of the said County, in Opposition thereto, were severally presented to the House, and read.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereupon to the House.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Moore*, of *King William* County, setting forth, That he is seized in Fee Tail of a Tract of Land, containing 642 Acres, in the said County; and praying that an Act may pass empowering him to sell the said Land; and the Money arising by such Sale to be laid out in the Purchase of other Lands and Slaves to be settled to the same Uses, was presented to the House, and read.

*Ordered*, That a *Bill* be brought in pursuant to the Prayer of the said *Petition*; and it is referred to Mr *Pendleton*, and Mr *Charles Carter* of *King George*, to prepare and bring in the same.

A *Petition* of Mr *John Aylett*, of the County of *Hanover*, setting forth, That he is seized in Fee Tail of a valuable Tract of Land, in the said County, but has few Slaves to work the same, and praying that an Act may pass empowering Trustees to sell 623 Acres, Part of the said Land, and to lay out the Money arising by such Sale in the Purchase of Slaves, to be annexed to the Residue of the said Land, was presented to the House, and read.

*Ordered*

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 265.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 69.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VI, p. 246.







*Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition; and it is referred to Mr *Pendleton*, and Mr *Charles Carter* of *King George*, to prepare and bring in the same.

An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act for continuing and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Harry Beverley, Gentlemen, is seized, and for settling Slaves to be purchased in Lieu thereof*, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the said Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Pendleton* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof Kendall Lee is seized, and for settling other Lands and Slaves to the same Uses*, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the said Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Richard Lee* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act to empower George Parker to pay a certain Sum of Money, in Lieu of an Annuity, charged on certain Slaves, whereof he is possessed*, was read the third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Consideration, the Petition of *Littleton* and *Severn Eyre*, to them referred, and had come to the following Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows:

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said Petition, praying, That the Owners or Shippers of Vessels may be restrained by Law from carrying, for Reward, any Person or Persons (other than the Inhabitants of *Accomack County*) across the Bay from the said County of *Accomack* to *York, Hampton, or Norfolk*, is reasonable.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, who are directed to bring in a Bill, For increasing the Ferriage at *James Town* and *Swans Point*, that they receive a Clause or Clauses, pursuant to the above Resolution.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Propositions and Grievances be discharged from preparing a Bill, agreeable to the Resolution of the House on *Sarah Swearingen's* Petition, and that they receive a Clause or Clauses in the Bill, For increasing the Ferriage at *James Town* and *Swans Point*, agreeable to the said Resolution.

A Claim of *David Chivis*, for a Negroe Man Slave that was condemned by the Court of the County of *Caroline*, for Felony, and is to be executed at a future Day, and valued by the said Court to £90, was presented to the House, and received.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims do make an Allowance, in the Book of Claims, agreeable to the above Claim.

The *Speaker* informed the House that Mr *Pride* attended in Custody of the Serjeant at Arms.

*Ordered*, That the said *Pride* be delivered by Warrant from the *Speaker* to the Public Gaoler, to be kept in safe Custody, until discharged, by Order of the House.

A Bill, for the Preservation of the Breed of Cattle, was read a second Time, and committed to Mr *Thomson Mason*, Mr *Henry Lee*, and Mr *Mercer*.

A Claim of Mr *Thomas Claiborne* for the Ferriage of Sheriffs with Criminals and Expresses, coming to and from *Williamsburg*, was presented to the House and received.

*Ordered*

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 232.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 280.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 278.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 237.



*Ordered*, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Claims.

A *Bill*, To enable the Justices of *Frederick* and *Culpeper* Counties, to levy upon their respective Tithables a sum not exceeding £100, for the Purposes therein mentioned, was read a second Time, and the Question put, that the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third Time.

It passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That the said Bill be rejected.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their Consideration, the Bill, To remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony.

*Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself into the said Committee on *Wednesday* next.

*And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.*

## Tuesday, the 31st of March. 7 Geo. III. 1767.

**O**N a Motion made,

*Resolved*, That the annual Salary of £300, formally given to the Clerk of the Public Treasury, be discontinued.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Consideration, the Petition of the People called Quakers, praying to be exempted from the Fines and Forfeitures inflicted by the Militia Law, to them referred, and had come to the following Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the said Petition is reasonable.

*Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the said Resolution; and it is referred to Mr *Bland*, Mr *Benjamin Harrison*, Mr *Richard Lee*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Thomson Mason*, Mr *Henry*, and Mr *Mercer*, to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr *Eyre*, from the Persons to whom the Bill, To amend an Act, intituled *An Act for preventing Frauds in the Customs, and in clearing of Ships, for ascertaining Collectors and Naval Officers Fees, and to prohibit and prevent the casting Ballast or dead Bodies into Rivers or Creeks*, was committed, reported, That they had had the same under their Consideration, and had made several Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed, and read a third Time.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their further Consideration the State of the Colony.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some Time spent therein, Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported that the Committee had had the same under their Consideration, but not having Time to go through the same, they had directed him to move for Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into the said Committee To-morrow.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House the remainder of this Session.

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A *Petition of Lewellen Jones*, setting forth, That he is seized as Tenant in Fee Tail of a Tract of Land, in the County of *Amelia*, containing 1006 Acres, and praying that an Act may pass empowering him to sell the same, and to settle other Lands and Slaves, of greater Value, in Lieu thereof, to the same Uses, was presented to the House, and read.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition; and it is referred to Mr *Tubb* to prepare and bring in the same.

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

## Wednesday, the 1st of April. 7 Geo. III. 1767.

ON a Motion made,

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom it is referred to bring in a Bill, For increasing the Ferriage at *James Town* and *Swan's Point*, to receive a Clause or Clauses in the said Bill, for increasing the Ferriage from *James Town* to *Crouche's Creek*.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill, To repeal so much of an Act passed in the twenty-fifth Year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for building a Bridge over Appomattox River, by Subscription, as relates to prohibit the Justices of Dinwiddie and Chesterfield, from building a Bridge at the Place, in the said Act mentioned, at the Charge of the said Counties.*

Also a Bill, For building a Bridge over *Back River*, by Subscription; and the said Bills were severally read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr *Simpson* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill, To amend an Act, intituled, *An Act to oblige the Prosecutors of Offences, not capital, to pay the Costs of the Prosecution, where the Defendants shall be acquitted*; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr *Archibald Cary*, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That the said Committee had, according to Order, examined, stated and settled the Claim of the County of *Fauquier*, for Arms belonging to that County, taken for the Use of the Militia, when drawn into actual Service, and had agreed to a Report, and come to two Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

Resolved, That the said Claim is reasonable; and that the said County of *Fauquier* ought to be reimbursed by the Public the Sum of £ 156. 15, for so much levied on them for 50 Muskets, Bayonets, Swivels, Cafes, Slings and Belts, before that County was divided from the County of *Prince William*, and taken for the Use of the Militia.

Resolved, That the Lieut. of the said County of *Fauquier*, be directed to sell all the said Arms that were returned for the most that can be got for them, and remit the Money arising from such Sale to the Treasury for the Use of the Public.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims do make an Allowance, in the Book of Claims, pursuant to the first Resolution.

On a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, To continue and amend the Act for the better regulating and disciplining the Militia; and it is referred to Mr *Bland* to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom the Bill, To amend an Act, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to explain the Charter, and enlarge the Privileges of the Borough of Norfolk, and for other purposes therein mentioned.* Also one other Act, intituled, *An Act for enlarging and ascertaining the Limits of the Borough of Norfolk, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was committed, reported, That they had had the same under their Consideration, and had made several

<sup>1</sup> Henning's, VI, p. 293.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., VII, p. 93.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., VII, p. 510.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid., VII, p. 433.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., VI, p. 246.



several Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed, and read a third Time.

He also reported from the said Committee, to whom the Bill, for paying the Minister of the Parish of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick*, £——, instead of the Salary now allowed, was committed, that they had had the same under their Consideration, and had made several Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the House, with some Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed, and read a third Time.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That the Resolution, from the Committee of Claims, relative to *Benjamin Temple*, which was ordered to lie on the Table in the former Part of this Session, be recommitted to the said Committee.

A Petition of *Thomas Roy* and *James Gillison*, Proprietors of the Land adjoining the Town of *Port Royal*, praying, That an Act may pass to restrain the Inhabitants of the said Town from suffering Hogs to run at large in the said Town, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Consideration, the Representation of the Commissioners appointed to state and settle the Militia Accounts; also two Accounts of Col<sup>o</sup> *John McNeil*, and Major *Abraham Smith*, to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House, with some Amendments, and are as follow:

*Resolved*, That *Abraham Hite* be allowed the Sum of £ 100 in full of his Services, as Col<sup>o</sup> of the County of *Hampshire*.

*Resolved*, That *Abraham Smith* be allowed the Sum of £ 23. 12 in full of his Services, as Major of the *Augusta* Militia.

*Resolved*, That the Account of *John McNeil* for Services, as Lieut<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> of the *Augusta* Militia, be rejected.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims do make an Allowance, in the Book of Claims, pursuant to the two first Resolutions.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants on *New River*, in the County of *Augusta*, praying, That they may be exempt from the Payment of Levies and Taxes a few Years longer; and that in case the said County should be divided this Session, they may be added to the new County, was presented to the House, and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinion thereupon to the House.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Augusta*, praying a Division thereof.

Also a Petition, in Opposition thereto, were severally presented to the House and read.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom the Petitions, to the same Effect with the above have been committed, be discharged from proceeding therein; and that all the said Petitions be referred to the Consideration of the next Session of Assembly.







A *Petition of Elias Gerrard*, setting forth, That he was one of 13 Volunteers, who joined Col<sup>o</sup> *Bouquet* when he forced a Passage to the Relief of Fort *Pitt*, and received a Wound in the Shoulder, which has rendered him incapable of supporting a numerous Family; and praying the Relief of this House.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr *Archibald Cary* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill, To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Lewellin Jones* is seized and for settling other Lands and Slaves in Lieu thereof; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr *Pendleton* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill, To vest certain Lands, whereof *Thomas Moore* is seized in Fee Tail in Trustees; to be sold, and the Money laid out in the Purchase of other Lands and Slaves; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their Consideration the Memorial of the Administrators, with the Will annexed, of the Estate of *John Robinson*, Esq<sup>r</sup>; and also his Accounts, as Treasurer.

*Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself into the said Committee Tomorrow.

Mr *Pendleton* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill, To confirm the Titles to Lands claimed by Descent or Purchase from Aliens; and the said Bill was read the first Time and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr *Archibald Cary*, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That the Committee had had under their Consideration, two *Petitions* to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House as follow:

*Resolved*, That the *Petition* of *Fortunatus Crutchfield* is reasonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of £ 40 for the Slave in the said *Petition* mentioned.

*Resolved*, That the *Petition* of *Isaac Perkins* is reasonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of £ 35 for one Year's Rent of the House in the said *Petition* mentioned; and the further Sum of £ 4. 2. 10 for an Error in extending an Article in his Account, formerly produced, for Damages done the said House, while occupied as an Hospital by the *Virginia* Regiment.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Claims do make an Allowance, in the Book of Claims, pursuant to the above Resolutions.

Mr *Mercer* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill, To compel Ships importing Convicts or Servants infected with the Goal-Fever or Small Pox to perform Quarantine; and that said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Joseph Cabell* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House the Remainder of this Session.

The House proceeded to the Consideration of the Book of Claims, and Part thereof being read; the further Consideration of the same was put off until To-morrow.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their further Consideration the State of the Colony.

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their further Consideration the State of the Colony.

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into the said Committee on Friday next.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their Consideration, the Bill, To remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony.

*Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself into the said Committee To-morrow.

On a Motion made,

A Bill, To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Lewellin Jones* is seized, and for settling other Lands and Slaves in Lieu thereof, was read a second Time; and committed to Mr *Fleming*, Mr *Tabb*, Mr *Trent*, and the Members of *Chesterfield* and *Cumberland*.

On



On a *Motion* made,

A *Bill*, To vest certain Lands, whereof *Thomas Moore* is seized in Fee Tail, in 'Trustees, to be sold, and the Money laid out in the Purchase of other Lands and Slaves; and and the said Bill was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *King William, King and Queen, New Kent, and Hanover*.

Mr *Mercer*, presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill, To establish a more easy and expeditious Method for the Trial of Criminals, and of Causes depending in the General Court; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and the Question put, that the said Bill be read a second Time,

It passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That the said Bill be rejected.

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock

## Thursday, the 2nd of April. 7 Geo. III. 1767.

THE Order of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their Consideration, the Memorial of the Administrators, with the Will annexed, of the Estate of *John Robinson*, Esq<sup>r</sup>; and also his Accounts as Treasurer: The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some Time spent therein, Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported, that they had had the same under their Consideration, and had come to a Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows:

*Resolved*, That Interest at the Rate of 5 per Cent. *per Annum*, ought to be charged upon the Estate of *John Robinson*, Esq<sup>r</sup>; late Treasurer, on the Sum of £ — of the Public Money, by him received and misapplied, to be computed from the Day of his Death, until the same shall be paid.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Pendleton* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House, until the 10<sup>th</sup> Instant.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That the Treasurer be directed to pay to the Agent of this Colony, £ 69. 9, advanced by him, to make up the Deficiency of what this Assembly gave to the Governors and Visitors of the *College*, in order to purchase a Philosophical Apparatus, for the use of the Students.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom the Petition of *Thomas Talbot* was referred, be discharged from proceeding thereon; and that the said Petition be referred to the next Session of Assembly.

An Account of *Tunstal Banks*, Administrator of *William Banks*, for Pay as Lieut. for 61 Days, was presented to the House, and received.

*Ordered*, That the said Account be referred to the Consideration of the next Session of Assembly.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, To empower the Administrators of the Estate of *John Robinson*, Esq<sup>r</sup>, deceased, to sell such Parts of his real or personal Estate, as to them shall seem most convenient for the Payment of his Debts; and it is referred to Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Wythe*, and Mr *Blair*, to prepare and bring in the same.

A Claim of Cap<sup>t</sup> *Walter Cunningham*, for £ 7. 10, for which a Soldier in his Company of Militia obtained a Judgment against him, in the County Court of *Augusta*, was presented to the House, and received.

*Ordered*







*Ordered*, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the next Session of Assembly.

A Claim of *Nathaniel McCarroll*, for a Bull that was killed for the Use of a Company of Militia, was presented to the House, and received.

*Ordered*, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinions thereupon to the House.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill, For increasing the Rates of Ferriage at *Swan's Point*, *James Town*, and *Crouche's Creek*, and for other Purposes therein mentioned; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Claim of *Jacob Jackson*, for 44 Days Service as a Soldier, in Captain *Cunningham's* Company of Militia, was presented to the House and received.

*Ordered*, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the next Session of Assembly.

A Claim of *Benjamin McCollough*, Administrator of *Benjamin McCollough*, deceased, for a Horse impressed by *John Lawson* of the *Virginia* Regiment, by Virtue of a Warrant from Cap<sup>t</sup> *William Cunningham*, was presented to the House, and received.

*Ordered*, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Claims; that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report their Opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr *Henry Lee* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill, to dock the Intail of 623 Acres of Land, in the Parish of *S<sup>t</sup> Martin*, and County of *Hanover*, whereof *John Aylett* is seized in Fee Tail and for vesting the same in Trustees in Fee Simple, for the Uses therein mentioned; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr *Bland* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill, to continue and amend the Act for the better regulating and disciplining the Militia; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered, to be read a second Time.

On a Motion made.

The said Bill was read the second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third Time.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Consideration divers Petitions to them referred, and had come to the following Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

*Resolved*, That the Petition of the Proprietors of the Lands adjoining the Town of *Port Royal*, on *Rappahannock* River, praying, That an Act may pass to restrain Hogs from going at Large within the said Town, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That the Petitions of divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *Frederick* and *Hampshire*, praying, That the Road (commonly called *Braddock's Road*) leading from the Frontier of this Colony to *Fort Pitt*, may be repaired, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of divers Inhabitants of *New River*, in the County of *Augusta*, praying, That they may be further exempted from the Payment of Levies and Taxes, is reasonable.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances to prepare and bring in a Bill or Bills pursuant to the said Resolutions.

The Order of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their Consideration, the Bill, To remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony.

*Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee on the said Bill To-morrow.

On



On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Claims to make an Allowance, in the Book of Claims, to the Serjeant of this House for his Fees and Charges against Mr James Pride, £ 6. 16; to John De Siqueyra, Physician for attending the said Pride by Order of this House £ 3. 4. 6; and to William Pasteur, Surgeon, for the same Service £ 2, to be levied on the Estate of the said Pride.

A Petition of James Cooke, praying, That the House would allow him a Salary as Clerk of the Treasury, was presented to the House, and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

## Friday, the 3rd of April, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

**M**R Bland, from the Persons, to whom the Bill, To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof William Starke is seized in Fee Tail, and for settling other Lands to the same Uses, reported That they had had the said Bill under their Consideration, and found the Allegations to be true, but had made no Amendments thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third Time.

An engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for increasing the Salary of the Minister of the Parish of Frederick, in the County of Frederick*, was read the third Time and the Blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the said Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr Bland do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr Walthoe.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for exempting the Inhabitants of Mecklenburg County, and also the Minister and other Parishioners, of St James' Parish in the said County, from the Payment of Ferriage on Sundays, Court Days, and on the Days appointed for General Musters.*

Also to the Bill intituled, *An Act for continuing and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs.*

Also to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Harry Beverley, Gent. is seized, and for settling Slaves to be purchased in Lieu thereof.*

Also to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to dock the Intail of 800 Acres of Land, in the County of Amelia whereof Anne Hall, Wife of John Hall, is seized in Fee Tail, and for vesting the same in Trustees in Fee Simple, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*

Also to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof Kendall Lee is seized, and for settling other Lands and Slaves to the same Uses.*

Also to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to empower George Parker to pay a certain Sum of Money, in Lieu of an Annuity, charged on certain Slaves, whereof he is possessed.*

Mr Archibald Cary, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That the Committee had had under their Consideration the Petition of Benjamin Temple to them recommitted. Also the Petition of Elias Gerrard to them referred, and had come to two Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

On reconsidering the Petition of the said Benjamin Temple it appears to your Committee, that he obtained recruiting Instructions from his Honor the Governor, in the Year 1760: That at That Time he received £ 400 out of the Treasury, with which he enlisted about 40 men, 30 of whom were by the Commanding Officers taken into the Service, 4 deserted, and the rest were refused, but that three of them ought to have been received, having been before adjudged able bodied Men, and served in a former Campaign.

*Resolved*

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 267.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 257.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 232.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 280.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 291.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 278.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 287.







*Resolved*, That the said *Benjamin Temple* ought to be allowed £ 370 for the Bounty, and £ 55. 10 for enlisting 37 Men, £ 34 for Subsistence, £ 7. 10 for his Pay, and £ 1 for his Expence in pursuing a Defeater, which upon an Estimate produces a Balance of £ 78 due to him; and that he ought to be reimbursed the same by the Public.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of the said *Elias Gerrard* is reasonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of £ 20 for his present Relief, and the further Sum of £ 12 *per Annum* during Life, as a Recompence for the Wounds he received in the Service of the Country.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Claims to make an Allowance, in the Book of Claims, pursuant to the *first* Resolution.

*Ordered*, That the *second* Resolution be engrossed, and that Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A *Motion* being made that a public Bank be established.

*Ordered*, That the said Motion be referred to the Committee of the whole House appointed to take into their Consideration the State of the Colony.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to take into their further Consideration the State of the Colony.

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into the said Committee To-morrow.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That there be a Call of the House To-morrow.

Mr *Bland* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill, For applying to the Aid of the public Fund the Surplus of the Money which shall remain in the Hands of the Treasurer, after paying the Expences of the Militia, according to the Directions of an Act passed the last Session of Assembly, for raising a public Levy, and for other Purposes therein mentioned; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, For paying the Burgeffes Wages in Money for this present Session of Assembly; and it is referred to Mr *Henry Lee* to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr *Mason* from the Persons to whom the Bill, For the preservation of the Breed of Cattle, was committed, reported, That they had had the same under their Consideration, and had made several Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read; and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed, and read a third Time.

A Bill, For increasing the Rates of Ferriage at *Swan's Point*, *James Town*, and *Crouche's Creek*, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, was read the second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third Time.

Mr *Braxton*, from the Persons to whom the Bill, to vest certain Lands whereof *Thomas Moore* is seized in Fee Tail, in Trustees, to be sold, and the Money laid out in Purchase of other Lands and Slaves, was committed, reported, That they had had the same under their Consideration, and found the Allegations to be true, and had made an Amendment thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the Amendment, be engrossed, and read a third Time.

The House proceeded to the Consideration of the Petition of *James Cooke*, which was Yesterday ordered to lie on the Table.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be rejected.

A Bill, for erecting Warehouses for the Reception of Hemp, was read the second Time, and committed to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

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An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act to continue and amend the Act for the better regulating and disciplining the Militia*, was read the third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the *Bill* do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That the Chaplain of this House do attend to read prayers every Day at 9 o'Clock.

An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act for perpetuating the Succession of the Trustees appointed by the Act of Assembly, intituled, An Act for enlarging and ascertaining the Limits of the Borough of Norfolk and for other Purposes therein mentioned* was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the *Bill* do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act to amend An Act, intituled; An Act for preventing Frauds in the Customs, and in clearing of Ships, for ascertaining Collectors and Naval Officers Fees, and to prohibit and prevent the casting Ballast or Dead Bodies into Rivers or Creeks*, was read the third Time, and an engrossed Rider added thereto.

*Resolved*, That the *Bill* do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Eyre* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A *Bill*, To compel Ships importing Convicts or Servants infected with the Gaol Fever or Small Pox to perform Quarantine, was read the second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said *Bill* be engrossed, and read a third Time.

A *Bill*, To dock the Intail of 623 Acres of Land in the Parish of *S' Martin*, and County of *Hanover*, whereof *John Aylett* is seized, and for vesting the same in Trustees in Fee Simple, for the Uses therein mentioned, was read the second Time, and committed to the Members of *King William, Hanover, and Louisa*.

A *Bill*, For building a Bridge over *Back River* by Subscription, was read the second Time, and committed to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their Consideration, the *Bill*, To remove the Seat of Government to a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony.

*Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself into the said Committee the first Day of June next.

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

## Saturday. the 4th of April. 7 Geo. III. 1767.

MR *Archibald Cary* presented to the House, according to Order, a *Bill*, To empower the Administrators of *John Robinson, Esq<sup>r</sup>*; deceased, to sell such Parts of his real or personal Estate, as to them shall seem most convenient, for the Payment of his Debts; and the said *Bill* was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, presented to the House, according to Order, a *Bill*, To prevent Hogs running at Large in the Town of *Port Royal*.

Also a *Bill*, For the Encouragement of the Settlers on the Lands in the upper Parts of *Augusta County*; and the said *Bills* were severally read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their further Consideration the State of the Colony: The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some Time spent therein, Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr *Bland* reported, that they had had the same under their Consideration; but not having Time to go through the same, they had directed him to move for Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*







*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into the said Committee on Monday.

*Ordered*, That a Call of the House be on Monday next.

A Bill, To confirm the Titles to Lands claimed by Descent or Purchase from Aliens, was read the second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third Time.

A Bill, To repeal an Act passed in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty George the Second, intituled, *An Act to empower the Justices of the County of Norfolk to agree with Persons to keep certain Ferries, and to levy the Expence thereof upon the Inhabitants of the County, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third Time.

On a Motion made,

*Resolved*, That all former Orders and Resolutions of this House for allowing Fees upon private Bills to the *Speaker* of this House, and the Officers of the General Assembly be abrogated and made void; and that for the future the Sum of £ 20 for all Bills for docking Estates Tail, the further Sum of £ 2 for every Hundred Pounds of the Value of such Estate below £ 500, and £ 1 for every Hundred Pounds of the Value of such Estate above £ 500, shall be paid to the Treasurer of this Colony for the public Use, to be accounted for by him to the General Assembly. And the *Speaker* of this House is hereby ordered and enjoined not to put any such Bill to the third Reading for its passage through this House, until the Person at whose Instance such Bill shall be brought in hath produced to him a Certificate from under the Hand of the Treasurer, that the said several Sums have been respectively paid into the Treasury, according to this Resolution.

*And then the House adjourned until Monday Morning 10 o'Clock.*

## Monday, the 6th of April, 7 Geo. III. 1767.

**M**<sup>R</sup> Bland, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill, For the Punishment of Persons who shall aid or assist Prisoners for Debt to escape or attempt to escape out of Prison.

Also a Bill, For opening a Road through the Frontiers of this Colony to Fort Pitt, on the Ohio; and the said Bills were severally read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

He also reported, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom the Bill, For building a Bridge over Back River by Subscription was committed, that they had had the same under their Consideration, and had made an Amendment thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendment in at the Table, where the Amendment was again twice read, and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the Amendment, be engrossed, and read a third Time.

<sup>R</sup> Henry Lee presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill, For paying the Burgeesses Wages in Money for this Session of Assembly; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The House, according to Order, resumed the adjourned Consideration of the Book of Claims; and the remaining Part thereof was read, and the Allowances of the several Officers being added, it was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That <sup>R</sup> Archibald Cary do carry up the said Book to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by <sup>R</sup> Walthoe.

*That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to continue and amend the Act for the better regulating and disciplining the Militia.*

*Also*

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VII, p. 152.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 241.



*Also to the Bill, intituled, An Act<sup>1</sup> for preventing Frauds in the Customs and in clearing of Ships, for ascertaining Collectors and Naval Officers Fees, and to prohibit and prevent the casting Ballast or dead Bodies into Rivers or Creeks.*

*Also to the Bill, intituled, An Act<sup>2</sup> for increasing the Salary of the Minister of the Parish of Frederick, in the County of Frederick.*

*Also to the Bill, intituled, An Act<sup>3</sup> for perpetuating the Succession of the Trustees appointed by the Act of Assembly, intituled, An Act for enlarging and ascertaining the limits of the Borough of Norfolk, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*

An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act<sup>4</sup> to confirm the Titles to Lands claimed by Descent or Purchase from Aliens*, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr Mercer do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act<sup>5</sup> to compel Ships importing Convicts or Servants infected with the Gaol Fever or Small Pox, to perform Quarantine*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr Mercer do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act<sup>6</sup> to repeal an Act passed in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty George the Second, intituled, An Act to empower the Justices of the County of Norfolk, to agree with Persons to keep certain Ferries, and to levy the Expence thereof upon the Inhabitants of the said County, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr Newton do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act<sup>7</sup> for increasing the Rates of Ferriage at Swan's Point, James Town and Crouche's Creek, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr Eyre do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act<sup>8</sup> to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof William Starke is seized in Fee Tail, and for settling other Lands to the same Uses* was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr Bland do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act<sup>9</sup> to vest certain Lands, whereof Thomas Moore is seized in Fee Tail, in Trustees, to be sold, and the Money laid out in the Purchase of other Lands and Slaves*, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr Braxton do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr Archibald Cary, from the Persons to whom the Bill, To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof Lewellin Jones is seized, and for settling other Lands and Slaves in Lieu thereof, was committed, reported, That they had had the same under their Consideration, and found the Allegations to be true, and had made an Amendment thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the Amendment, be engrossed, and read a third Time.

A *Bill*, To enable the Justices of the County of Amelia to purchase Lands whereon to build a Court House and for other Purposes therein mentioned, was read the second Time; and committed to Mr Tabb, and Mr Archibald Cary.

A *Bill*, For laying an additional Duty upon Slaves imported into this Colony, was read the second Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House To-morrow.

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<sup>1</sup> Henning, VIII, p. 251.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 267.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 269.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 250.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 260.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 261.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 263.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 289.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 285.







The *Order* of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their further Consideration the State of the Colony: The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some Time spent therein, Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr *Blair* reported that the Committee had had the same under their Consideration; but not having Time to go through the same, they had directed him to move for Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into the said Committee To-morrow.

*Ordered*, That there be a Call of the House To-morrow.

*And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.*

## Tuesday, the 7th of April. 7 Geo. III. 1767.

MR *Bland*, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom the Bill, For erecting Warehouses for the Reception of Hemp, was committed, reported, That they had had the same under their Consideration, and had made several Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed, and read a third Time.

An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof Lewellin Jones is seized, and for settling other Lands and Slaves in Lieu thereof*, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Cary* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act for building a Bridge over Back River by Subscription*, was read the third Time, and a blank therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act for the Preservation of the Breed of Cattle*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Thomson Mason* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A *Bill*, For opening a Road through the Frontiers of this Colony to Fort *Pitt* on the *Ohio*, was read the second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third Time.

A *Bill*, To prohibit Merchants from retailing Liquors at or near Court Houses on Court Days, or Days of General Mufters, was read the second Time, and committed to Mr *Henry Lee* and Mr *Mercer*.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their further Consideration the State of the Colony: The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some Time spent therein, Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair, and Mr *Blair* reported, that the Committee had had the same under their Consideration and had come to the following Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows:

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to his Majesty, to represent the great Distress of this Colony, for want of a sufficient circulating Medium for the Purposes of Trade and Commerce. That under our present Circumstances Trade must necessarily be greatly obstructed; the Poor liable to very dangerous Oppressions; the value of those Commodities produced by the Labour of our People much diminished, and that we shall be rendered unable to pay the great Balance due to *Great Britain*, unless we are permitted to

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 276.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 264.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 245.



to issue a sufficient Quantity of Paper Money, to supply this Deficiency, on such a Plan as may be most beneficial to this Colony, and least detrimental to the Interest of any other of his Majesty's Subjects.

*Ordered*, That an Address be prepared agreeable to the said Resolution; and it is referred to Mr Blair, Mr Bland, Mr Nicholas, Mr Mason, Mr Benjamin Harrison, Mr Archibald Cary, Mr Henry, Mr T. Walker, Mr Alexander, Mr Eyre, and Mr Henry Lee, or any six of them to prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That it be an instruction to the said Committee, to prepare a scheme for emitting Paper Money, in order to be transmitted to the Agent of this Colony.

Mr Blair informed the House that the Committee had directed him to move for Leave to Sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into the said Committee To-morrow.

On a Motion Made,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Correspondence be directed to write to the Agent to defend the Parish Collectors in all Appeals from Judgments here given, in Suits brought by the Clergy, for recovering their Salaries payable on or before the last Day of May 1759; and that this House will engage to defray the Expence thereof.

The Order of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee on the Bill For laying an additional Duty upon Slaves imported into this Colony.

*Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself on the said Committee To-morrow.

*And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.*

### Wednesday, the 8th of April. 7 Geo. III. 1767.

**A**N engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for erecting Warehouses for the Reception of Hemp*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr Archibald Cary do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr Walthoe.

*That they have agreed to the Book of Claims.*

*Also to the Bill, intituled, An Act to compel Ships importing Convicts or Servants infected with the Goat Fever or Small Pox to perform Quarantine.*

*Also to the Bill, intituled, An Act for increasing the Rates of Ferriage at Swan's Point, James Town, and Crouche's Creek, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*

*Also to the Bill, intituled, An Act for altering the Court Days of the Counties of Lancaster, Princess Anne, and Elizabeth City.*

*Also to the Bill, intituled, An Act for building a Bridge over Back River by Subscription.*

*Also to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the Preservation of the Breed of Cattle.*

*Also to the Bill, intituled, An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof William Starke is seized, in Fee Tail, and for settling other Lands to the same Uses.*

*Also to the Bill, intituled, An Act to vest certain Lands whereof Thomas Moore is seized in Fee Simple, in Trustees, to be sold, and the Money laid out in the Purchase of other Lands and Slaves.*

*Also to the Resolve for allowing Elias Gerrard the Sum of £ 20 for his present Relief, and the further Sum of £ 12 per Annum during his Life.*

*Ordered*, That Mr Cary do wait on his Honor the Governor with the Book of Claims, and desire his Assent thereto.

On a Motion made,

*Resolved*

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 253.  
<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 260.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 263.  
<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 265.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 264.  
<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 245.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 280.  
<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 235.







*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to draw up some Proposals to be sent to the Assembly of *Maryland* to join with the Assembly of this Colony in erecting a Light House on *Cape Henry*, for the Safety of Vessels trading to this Colony and *Maryland*; and it is referred to Mr *Benjamin Harrison*, Mr *Thomson Mason*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Newton*, Mr *Wythe*, and Mr *Braxton* to prepare the same.

Mr *Tabb*, from the Persons to whom the Bill, To enable the Justices of the County of *Amelia* to purchase Lands, whereon to build a Court House, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, reported, That they had had the same under their Consideration, and had made some Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed, and read a third Time.

Mr *Henry*, from the Persons to whom the Bill, To dock the Intail of 623 Acres of Land, in the Parish of *S' Martin*, and County of *Hanover* whereof *John Aylett* is seized in Fee Tail, and for vesting the same in Trustees in Fee Simple, for the Uses therein mentioned, was committed, reported, That they had had the same under their Consideration, and had found the Allegations to be true, and had made some Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed, and read a third Time.

An engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for opening a Road through the Frontiers of this Colony to Fort Pitt on the Ohio*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Mercer* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Consideration the Petition of the House Keepers of *Overwharton* Parish, in the County of *Stafford*, praying, That the present vestry of the said Parish may be dissolved, to the referred, and had come to the following Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the said Petition be rejected.

Mr *Henry Lee*, from the Persons to whom the Bill, To prohibit Merchants from retailing Liquors at or near Court Houses on Court Days, or Days of General Musters, was committed, reported, That they had had the same under their Consideration, and had made some Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table where the same was again twice read, and the Question put, that the House agree thereto.

It passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That the said Bill be rejected.

A Message from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands*, whereof *Lewellen Jones* is seized, and for settling other Lands and Slaves in Lieu thereof, without any Amendment.

Also to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal An Act passed in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty George the Second, intituled, An Act to empower the Justices of the County of Norfolk to agree with Persons to keep certain Ferries, and to levy the Expence upon the Inhabitants of the said County, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*

Also to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm the Titles to Lands claimed by Descent or Purchase from Aliens with Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.*

The House immediately proceeded to the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm the Titles to Lands claimed by Descent or Purchase from Aliens*; and the same being read were agreed to.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Mercer* go to the Council and acquaint them therewith.

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<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 252.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 261.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 250.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 250.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 276.





They also proceeded to the Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal an Act passed in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty George the Second, intituled, An Act to empower the Justices of the County of Norfolk to agree with Persons to keep certain Ferries, and to levy the Expence upon the Inhabitants of the said County, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, and the said Amendments being read, were agreed to.*

*Ordered*, That Mr Newton do go to the Council and acquaint them therewith.

A Bill, To amend an Act, intituled, *An Act to oblige the Prosecutors of Offences, not capital, to pay the Costs of the Prosecution, where the Defendant shall be acquitted*, was read the second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third Time.

A Bill, For further continuing and amending the Act intituled *An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third Time.

A Bill, For the more effectual preventing the tending of Tobacco Seconds, was read the second Time; and committed to Mr Henry Lee, and Mr Bland.

An engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Justices of the County of Amelia to purchase Lands, whereon to build a Court House, and for other Purposes therein mentioned* was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr Tabb do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee on the Bill, For laying an additional Duty upon Slaves imported into this Colony: The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee on the said Bill; and after some Time spent therein, Mr Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Bland reported, that they had had the same under their Considerations, and had made some Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third Time.

The Order of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their further Consideration the State of the Colony.

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into the said Committee To-morrow.

*Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to settle the public Proportions; to consist of the following Persons:

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| Mr Archibald Cary,            | Mr Richard Randolph, |
| Mr T. Walker,                 | Mr Page, and,        |
| Mr Charles Carter, Lancaster, | Mr Whiting.          |

*Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to examine the enrolled Bills; to consist of the following Persons:

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| Mr Dudley Digges   |               |
| Mr Nelson,         | Mr Braxton,   |
| Mr Francis Lee,    | Mr Syme, and, |
| Mr William Digges, | Mr Burwell.   |

*And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.*

## Thursday, the 9th of April. 7 Geo. III. 1767.

A N engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr Benjamin Harrison do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

*Ordered*

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 261.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VI, p. 246.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, V, p. 326.

<sup>4</sup> Not recorded as a law.

<sup>5</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 266.





Ordered, That Mr Mercer be added to the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to his Majesty.

An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to oblige the Prosecutors of Offences, not capital, to pay the costs of the Prosecution, where the Defendant shall be acquitted*, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the *Bill* do pass.

Ordered, That Mr Simpson do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act for laying an additional Duty upon Slaves imported into this Colony*, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the *Bill* do pass.

Ordered, That Mr Benjamin Harrison do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act to dock the Intail of 623 Acres of Land, in the Parish of St Martin and County of Hanover, whereof John Aylett is seized in Fee Tail, and for vesting the same in Trustees, in Fee Simple, for the Uses therein mentioned*, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the *Bill* do pass.

Ordered, That Mr Braxton do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr Benjamin Harrison, from the Committee appointed presented to the House according to Order, that the Committee appointed for drawing up Proposals for erecting a Light House on Cape Henry, had had the same under their Consideration, and had come to the following Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, with an Amendment, as follows:

Resolved, That a Light House be erected on Cape Henry, for the Convenience of Vessels trading to this Colony; and that the Expence of building and maintaining such Light House be defrayed by a Duty on the Tonnage of Vessels, not exceeding 6<sup>d</sup> per Ton, for and during the Term of five Years; and after that Term what other Sum shall be found necessary to be paid by the Owners or Masters, once every Voyage, at the Time of their clearing out; to be collected and received by the respective Collectors, or Officers, who shall be appointed to receive the same, and by them to be accounted for, and paid to the Treasurer of this Colony for the Time being, appointed by, or pursuant to, an Act of Assembly, for the Uses and Purposes aforesaid. And that the *Speaker* of this House be desired to transmit this Resolution to the Speaker of the House of Representatives in the Province of Maryland; that the same may be laid before them, and that they be requested to concur in this Scheme, which will be so beneficial to the Trade of both Colonies.

A *Bill*, For the Punishment of Persons who shall aid or assist Prisoners for Debt to escape or attempt to escape out of Prison, was read the second Time; and committed to Mr Bland, Mr Mercer, Mr Archibald Cary, Mr Pendleton, and Mr Payne.

On a Motion made,

Ordered, That Mr Lomax be discharged from his Attendance on this House; and that he be desired to accept of £ 100 for his Trouble and Expenses, which the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay.

Mr Bland, from the Committee appointed to examine into the State of the public Treasury, reported, that they had had the same under their further Consideration, and had agreed upon the following Report; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows:

Your Committee, in Obedience to the Order of the House, have stated an Account of the Treasury Notes, which have been issued for the public Service, since the End of the fourth Session of the General Assembly held in the Year 1754, with the Amount of the Notes which have been burnt, and those remaining in the Hands of the Treasurer, whereby it appears that the sum of £ 539, 962. 10, hath been issued in Treasury Notes, since their first Emission, for public Services: That Notes to the Amount of £ 326, 191. 18.2 have been burnt by the Committees appointed by Acts of Assembly for that Purpose

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 256.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 337.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 283.





pose: That the Notes found in the Treasury, being carefully examined and counted by your Committee amounted to £ 7043.9.8, of which they have burnt and destroyed £ 2225.3, being old Notes, whose Circulation is determined: That there now remains a Balance of £ 4818.6.8 in the Hands of the Treasurer, to be applied towards the Redemption of the old Notes now in Circulation; so that the Notes now in Circulation amount to £ 206,727.2.2.

Your Committee then proceeded to examine into the Errors and Mistakes committed in the late Treasurer's Accounts, as mentioned in their former Report, and have stated an Account thereof, by which a further Balance of £ 1811.1.4 appears to be due, which added to the Balance of the former Account, would make the Debt at this Time due to the Public, from the Estate of *John Robinson, Esq*; £102,572.18.9; but his Administrators having paid into the Treasury, since the Settlement of the former Account, £ 553.7.4, there remains now a Balance of £ 102,019.5.7 due to the Public, from the said Estate.

Your Committee beg Leave to inform the House, that the Difference between the former and present Balance, as stated in the said Accounts, chiefly arises from sundry Sums of Money paid to the late Treasurer by the public Collectors, and not credited, for which Receipts have been produced: And as many other Mistakes of this Sort may hereafter be discovered, your Committee cannot determine what the exact Balance, due from the late Treasurer, may be.

Your Committee hath also examined the Accounts of the present Treasurer, and find them clearly and distinctly stated, in proper Books; and having also examined his Vouchers for every Article charged and credited in those Accounts, they find the Balances to be as follows: For the Land and Poll Tax, and Tax on Wheel Carriages, Writs and Ordinary Licences, and the Duty on Tobacco, there remains in the Hands of the Treasurer, and is now in the public Treasury, a Balance of £ 4818.6.8; that of the Money received for public Tobacco, there is a Balance of £ 374.17.8 due to the Country, and on the public Account, there is due to the Treasurer, a Balance of £ 1233.6.6.

*Resolved*, That the said Accounts do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do carry them to the Council for their Concurrence.

The House being informed that Mr *James Pride* had sent a certain Advertisement to Mr *Rind*, the Printer, in order to be published in the *Virginia Gazette*.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Rind* be sent for, and brought to the Bar of this House, in Order to be examined in relation thereto.

Mr *Rind* being brought to the Bar, and examined, he informed the House that the said Advertisement was delivered to him by Mr *George Savage*, in the Name of Mr *Pride*, with Directions to publish it in the *Virginia Gazette*, and the said *Rind* was ordered to retire.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That Mr *George Savage* be sent for to the Bar of the House, in Order to be examined, touching the said Advertisement: being brought to the Bar, he informed the House, that the Advertisement then before the House, was a true Copy, delivered to him by Mr *James Pride*, with directions from the said *Pride* to carry it to Mr *Rind*, the Printer, in Order to have it published in the *Virginia Gazette*; and then the said *Savage* was ordered to retire.

On a Motion made,

*Resolved*, That the said Advertisement is a scandalous Insult upon the Members of this House and a high Breach of their Privileges.

*Ordered*, That the Serjeant of this House do immediately go with the Mace while the House is sitting, to the public Gaol, and bring the said *Pride* from thence to the Bar of this House, in Order to receive a Reprimand from the *Speaker*; Being brought to the Bar he was Reprimanded by the *Speaker* accordingly.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*





*Ordered*, That the Serjeant do, with the Mace, return the said *Pride* to the public Gaoler, and give him Directions to keep the said *Pride* in close Confinement, without the Use of Pen, Ink, or Paper; and that he be fed on Bread only, and allowed no strong Liquor whatsoever.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their further Consideration the State of the Colony.

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into the said Committee To-morrow.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, that the Committee appointed had according to Order, settled the Proportion of the Country Levy, and stated the same in a Book; which he delivered in at the Table, where it was read and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the said Book to the Council for their Concurrence.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, For establishing Fairs in the Town of *Mecklenburg*, in the County of *Frederick*; and it is referred, to Mr *Robert Rutherford*, and Mr *Wood* to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr *Rutherford* presented to the House, according to Order, the said Bill; which was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

On a *Motion* made,

The said *Bill* was read the second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said *Bill* be engrossed, and read a third Time.

A *Bill* For the Encouragement of Settlers on the Lands in the upper Parts of *Augusta* County, was read the second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said *Bill* be engrossed, and read a third Time.

A *Bill*, To prevent Hogs running at large, in the Town of *Port Royal*, was read the second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said *Bill* be engrossed, and read a third Time.

A *Bill*, To impower the Administrators of the Estate of *John Robinson*, Esq<sup>r</sup>; deceased, to sell such Parts of his real or personal Estate as to them shall seem most convenient for the Payment of his Debts, was read the second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said *Bill* be engrossed and read a third Time.

A *Bill*, To repeal so much of an Act of Assembly passed in the 25<sup>th</sup> Year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for building a Bridge over Appamattox River by Subscription, as relates to prohibit the Inhabitants of Dinwiddie and Chesterfield, from building a Bridge at the Place in the said Act mentioned, at the Charge of the said Counties*, was read the second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said *Bill* be engrossed, and read a third Time.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, For raising a public Levy; and it is referred to Mr *Archibald Cary* to prepare and bring in the same.

A *Bill*, for applying to the Aid of the public Fund the Surplus of the Money, which shall remain in the Hands of the Treasurer, after paying the Expences of the Militia, according to the Directions of an Act passed the last Session of Assembly, for raising a public Levy, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, was read the second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said *Bill* be engrossed, and read a third Time.

A *Bill*, For paying the Burgesses Wages in Money for this present Session of Assembly was read the third Time.

*Ordered*, That the said *Bill* be engrossed, and read a third Time.

And then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.

Friday



Friday, the 10th of April. 7 Geo. III. 1767.

**M**R Bland, from the Persons to whom the Bill, For the Punishment of Persons who shall aid or assist Prisoners for Debt to escape or attempt to escape out of Prison, was committed, reported, That they had had the same under their Consideration, and had made some Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed, and read a third Time.

An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act to repeal so much of An Act of Assembly passed in the 25<sup>th</sup> Year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act for building a Bridge over Appamattox River by Subscription, as relates to prohibit the Inhabitants of Dinwiddie, and Chesterfield from building a Bridge at the Place in the said Act mentioned, at the Charge of the said Counties*, was read a third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr Bland do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act to prevent Hogs running at large, in the Town of Port Royal*, was read the third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr Charles Carter of King George, do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act for the Encouragement of Settlers on the Lands in the upper parts of Augusta County*, was read the third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr Henry do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act to impower the Administrators of the Estate of John Robinson, Esq; deceased to sell such Parts of his real or personal Estate, as to them shall seem most convenient, for the Payment of his Debts*, was read the third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr Cary do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act for applying to the Aid of the public Fund the Surplus of the Money which shall remain in the Hands of the Treasurer, after paying the Expences of the Militia, according to the Directions of an Act passed the last Session of Assembly, for raising a Public Levy, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr Bland do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act for establishing Fairs in the Town of Mecklenburg, in the County of Frederick*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr Mercer do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engrossed *Bill*, intituled, *An Act for paying the Burgeesses Wages in Money for this present Session of Assembly*, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr Mason do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read, For the House to resolve itself into a Committee, to take into their further Consideration the State of the Colony: The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some Time spent therein, Mr Speaker refused

1 Hening, VIII, p. 259.  
2 Ibid., VIII, p. 266.

3 Not recorded as a law.  
4 Hening, VIII, p. 272.

5 Ibid., VIII, p. 239.  
6 Ibid., VIII, p. 255.

7 Ibid., VIII, p. 293.







refused the Chair, and Mr *Blair* reported, that they had had the same under their Consideration; but not having Time to go through the same they had directed him to move for Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will again resolve itself into the said Committee To-morrow.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Lewis*, Mr *Braxton*, and Mr *Tabb*, be added to the Committee appointed to draw up an humble Address to be presented to his Majesty.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, To vest certain Lands in Trustees for the Purposes therein mentioned; and it is referred to Mr *Pendleton* to prepare and bring in the same.

A *Message* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

*That they have agreed to the Book of Proportions*

*Also to the Treasurer's Accounts*

*Also to the Bill, intituled, An Act*<sup>1</sup> *to empower the Administrators of the Estate of John Robinson, Esq<sup>r</sup> deceased, to sell such Parts of his real or personal Estate, as to them shall seem most convenient, for the Payment of his Debts.*

*Also to the Bill For applying to the Aid of the public Fund the Surplus of the Money, which shall remain in the Hands of Treasurer, after paying the Expences of the Militia, according to the Directions of an Act passed the last Session of Assembly for raising a Public Levy and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*

*Also to the Bill, intituled, An Act*<sup>2</sup> *for paying the Burgeesses Wages in Money for this present Session of Assembly.*

*Also to the Bill, intituled, An Act*<sup>3</sup> *to prevent Hogs running at large in the Town of Port Royal.*

*Also to the Bill, intituled, An Act*<sup>4</sup> *for establishing Fairs in the Town of Mecklenburg in the County of Frederick.*

*Also to the Bill, intituled, An Act*<sup>5</sup> *for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees and for other purposes therein mentioned.*

*Also to the Bill, intituled, An Act*<sup>6</sup> *for opening a Road through the Frontiers of this Colony to Fort Pitt on the Ohio.*

*Also to the Bill, intituled, An Act*<sup>7</sup> *for laying an additional Duty upon Slaves imported into this Colony.*

*Also to the Bill, intituled, An Act*<sup>8</sup> *for erecting Warehouses for the Reception of Hemp.*

*Also to the Bill, intituled, An Act*<sup>9</sup> *to dock the Intail of 623 Acres of Land in the Parish of St Martin, and County of Hanover, whereof John Aylett is seized in Fee Tail, and for vesting the same in Trustees in Fee Simple for the Uses therein mentioned, without any Amendment.*

*Also to the Bill, intituled, An Act*<sup>10</sup> *to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to oblige the Prosecutors of Offences, not capital, to pay the Costs of the Prosecution where the Defendant shall be acquitted, with an Amendment; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.*

*Also to the Bill, intituled, An Act*<sup>11</sup> *to repeal so much of an Act of Assembly passed in the 25<sup>th</sup> Year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act for building a Bridge over Appamattox River by Subscription, as relates to prohibit the Inhabitants of Dinwiddie and Chesterfield, from building a Bridge at the place in the said Act mentioned, with an Amendment; to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.*

The House immediately proceeded to the Consideration of the Amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act*<sup>12</sup> *to amend and An Act* intituled, *An Act to oblige the Prosecutors of Offences, not capital, to pay the Costs of the Prosecution, where the Defendant shall be acquitted;* and the said Amendment being read was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do go to the Council and acquaint them therewith.

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<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 272.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 293.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 266.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 255.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 266.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 252.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 237.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 253.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 283.

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 256.

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 250.

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 250.



The House also proceeded to the Consideration of the Amendment proposed by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to repeal so much of an Act of Assembly passed in the 25<sup>th</sup> Year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act for building a Bridge over Appomattox River by Subscription, as relates to prohibit the Inhabitants of Dinwiddie, and Chefferfield, from building a Bridge at the Place in the said Act mentioned*; and the said Amendment being read was disagreed to.

*Ordered*, That Mr Archibald Cary do go to the Council and acquaint them that this House have disagreed to the Amendment proposed by them to the said Bill and do desire they will recede from the said Amendment.

Mr Pendleton presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill, To vest certain Lands in Trustees for the Purposes therein mentioned; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

An engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Punishment of Persons who shall aid or assist Prisoners for Debt to escape or attempt to escape out of Prison*, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr Bland do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr Blair, from the Committee appointed, presented to the House according to Order an Address to the King; which he read in his Place, and then delivered it in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be fairly transcribed, and be by the Committee of Correspondence transmitted to the Agent of this Colony, in order to be laid before his Majesty.

Mr Cary presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill, For raising a public Levy; and the said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

On a Motion made,

A Bill, To vest certain Lands in Trustees for the Purposes therein mentioned, was read the second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third Time.

On a Motion made,

A Bill, For raising a public Levy, was read the second Time; and committed to Mr Cary, and Mr Mercer.

*And then then House adjourned until To-morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.*

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## Saturday. the 11th of April. 7 Geo. III. 1767.

ON a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Propositions and Grievances be discharged from Considering the Petition of *Job Pearsal* to them Committed; and that the said Petition be referred to the next Session of Assembly.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That the Committee to whom it is referred to bring in a Bill, To oblige *John Field*, *John Posey*, and *James Gunn* to settle with the Treasurer of this Colony, for the several Sums respectively received from the Public for the Pay of their Companies of Artificers, and to pay the Balance, if any, in their Hands to the said Treasurer for the Public Use, be discharged therefrom.

Mr Nicholas, from the Committee to whom the Petition of *Constant Woodson*, was committed, reported, that they had come to a Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, with an Amendment, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Sum of £ 100 be paid out of the Public Money in the Hands of the Treasurer, to the said *Constant Woodson*, as a Reward for discovering her Method of curing Cancers upon her producing a Certificate from under the Hands of Doct<sup>r</sup> *Theodorick*







*Theodorick Bland, Dr James Field, Dr William Black and Dr Robert Brown, or any two of them who are by this House appointed to make an Experiment of the Efficacy of the Medicine that shall be by the said Constant Woodson to them communicated, of their Approbation thereof, and thereupon the same shall be published in the Virginia Gazette.*

*Ordered*, That the said Resolution be engrossed; and that Mr *Nicholas* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

*That they have receded from the Amendment proposed by them to the Bill, intituled, An Act to repeal so much of an Act of Assembly passed in the 25<sup>th</sup> Year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act for building a Bridge over Appamattox River by Subscription, as relates to prohibit the Inhabitants of Dinwiddie, and Chesterfield, from building a Bridge at the Place in the said Act mentioned.*

*That they have also agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the Punishment of Persons who shall aid or assist Prisoners for Debt to escape or attempt to escape out of Prison.*

Mr *Archibald Cary*, from the Committee of Claims, presented to the House a Schedule, containing fundry Money Claims; and the same was read.

*Resolved*, That the said Schedule do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Correspondence be directed to desire the Agent to use his Endeavours to procure his Majesty's Assent to the Bill intituled, *An Act for laying an additional Duty upon Slaves.*

Mr *Henry Lee* from the Persons to whom the Bill for the more effectual preventing the tending of Tobacco Seconds, was committed, reported, that they had had the same under their Consideration, and had made some Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill with the Amendments, do lie on the Table.

Mr *Cary* from the Persons to whom the Bill, For raising a public Levy, was committed, reported, That they had had the same under their Consideration, and had made some Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments, were again twice read, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed, and read a third Time.

An engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to vest certain Lands in Trustees, for the Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be agreed to.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Charles Carter* of King George, do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That an Address be presented to the Governor to desire that he will be pleased to suspend Mr *James Pride* from the Execution of his Offices, as Naval Officer of York River.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Archibald Cary*, and Mr *James Mercer* do wait on his Honor with the said Address.

Mr *Fleming* presented to the House a Schedule, containing fundry Money Claims; and the same was read.

*Resolved*, That the said Schedule do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Fleming* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Blair* from the Committee appointed presented to the House, according to Order, an address to his Majesty, relative to our Currency; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the same was again twice read, and agreed to.

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<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 259.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 240.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 237.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 270.



He *also* reported, according to Order, a Scheme for emitting Paper Currency; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows:

As soon as Permission is obtained from his Majesty, which 'tis hoped may be by *April* 1768, £ 200,000 in Paper Money, redeemable in *October* 1783, to be struck and delivered to three Commissioners, to be titled Trustees of the Loan Office, who are to give Security, and be upon Oath to discharge their Trust faithfully and impartially.

They are to lend out the Money at an Interest of 5 per Cent. to be paid annually, and one third of the Principal to be repaid in *April* 1773, one other Third in *April* 1778, and the Residue in *April* 1783; to take sufficient Security; and on failure in paying the Interest or Principal at the Stated Times, a speedy Method to be taken to call in the whole Principal and Interest due from such Borrower.

The present Tax on Wheel Carriages, and Ordinary Licences, to be continued, and an additional Duty of a Penny per Gallon on Rum imported from *April* 1769 to *April* 1783, to be paid to the Trustees of the Loan Office, in Aid of the Interest received from the Borrowers, to enable them to defray all Expenses attending the Execution of the Plan, and to pay to the Treasurer of *Virginia* the 3/- Current Money per Hoghead on Tobacco now paid by the Shipper (and which is to cease from 1768 to 1779) to discharge the Expenses of the Inspection Law.

An Account stated with the Trustees will best illustrate the Progress and End of this part of the Plan:

| Dr.....The Trustees of the Loan Office.....Cr                          |                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                                                        | £ s d               |                                                                                                                                                                                                               | £ s d               |
| To the Paper Money struck and delivered them in 1768 .....             | 200,000. 0.0        | By Expenses, including Managers and Clerks for the two Offices collecting the Duties and other contingent charges here & negotiating Bills &c. in <i>Great Britain</i> at £ 2081.5 a Year is for 5 Years..... | 10,406. 5           |
| The Borrowers for Interest 5 Years to 1773.....                        | 50,000. 0.0         | By Treasurer for 3/- on 50,000 Hd <sup>d</sup> of Tob <sup>o</sup> is £ 7500 a Year for 5 Years.....                                                                                                          | 37,500. 0           |
| Ditt <sup>o</sup> for $\frac{1}{3}$ of the Principal then paid in..... | 66,666. 13.4        |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                     |
|                                                                        | <hr/> 316,666. 13.4 |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                     |
|                                                                        |                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <hr/> 47,906. 5     |
|                                                                        |                     | By negotiating Office to be paid to, and by them remitted to <i>Great Britain</i> & paid in part of the Money borrowed there.....                                                                             | 68,760. 8.4         |
|                                                                        |                     | By the third part of the Principal paid per Contra.....                                                                                                                                                       | 66,666. 13.4        |
|                                                                        |                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <hr/> 183,333. 6.8  |
|                                                                        |                     | Balance due .....                                                                                                                                                                                             | 133,333. 6.8        |
|                                                                        |                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <hr/> 316,666. 13.4 |
| To Balance per Contra in 1773.....                                     | £ 133,333. 6.8      | By Expenses at 3/- a Hd <sup>d</sup> as above for this Period.....                                                                                                                                            | 47,906. 5           |
| Borrowers for Interest thereon 5 Years to 1778.....                    | 33,333. 6.8         | By negotiating Office to be remitted to pay the Balance of the Money borrowed in                                                                                                                              |                     |

Tax





Tax on Carriages, and Li-  
cences & an additional  
Duty upon Rum at £  
2600 per Annum for  
9 Years from 1770 to  
1778 inclusive ..... 23,400. 0.0  
Borrowers for one third  
then paid ..... 66,666. 13.4  

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256,733. 6.8

To Balance per Contra in  
1778..... 66,666. 13.4  
Borrowers Interest thereon  
5 Years to 1783..... 16,666. 13.4  
Do for the Ball. p<sup>d</sup> in then 66,666. 13.4  

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150,000.

Taxes on Carriages Li-  
cences and Rum 5  
Years ..... 13,000. 0

To the Negotiating Office  
for Bills to be drawn  
by them for £ 68,113.  
6.8 Sterling to enable  
the Trustees to call in  
and burn the remain-  
der of the Paper Money 85,141. 13.4  

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248,141. 13.4

Britain being £ 31,250  
Sterling at 25 per Cent. ... 39,062. 10  
By the one third of the Princi-  
pal as per Contra..... 66,666. 13.4  
By so much Paper Money to be  
by them burnt in 1778 .... 36,431. 5  

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190,066. 13.4  
Balance due..... 66,666. 13.4  

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256,733. 6.8

By Expences only during this  
period..... 10,406. 5  
By one Year's Inspectors Duty,  
paid to 1779..... 7,500. 0.0  
By one third of the Principal  
per Contra ..... 66,666. 13.4  
By the remainder of the £ 200,  
000 Notes to be burnt in  
1783..... 163,558. 15.0  

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248,141. 13.4

To preserve the Credit of the Paper Money, and prevent the Evils arising from its local Nature by establishing a Fund in *Great Britain*, on which Bills of Exchange may be drawn and exchanged for the Paper Money, when Remittances to other Places may require it.

It is proposed to borrow at an Interest of 5 per Cent., the Sum of £ 100,000, to be placed in the Bank or some other public Fund in *Great Britain*, and Subject to the Draughts and Directions of three Commissioners here, to be styled the Commissioners of the Negotiating Office, who are to trade upon that Stock in buying and selling Bills of Exchange, as they shall find it necessary to preserve the Credit of the Paper Money. They are also to give Security, and be upon Oath to engage their Fidelity and Impartiality, and are not to exceed 30 per Cent, or be under 25 per Cent. for the Difference of Exchange in the Purchase or Sale of Bills.

The Interest to be annually paid by a Tax of 2/- Sterling on Tobacco exported in Lieu of the Inspection Tax of 3/-.

A State of their Account will shew how their Principal and Interest is proposed to be repaid:

| Dr <sup>s</sup>                                                         |              | The Lenders of Money in <i>Great Britain</i> |              | Cr <sup>s</sup> |               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|
|                                                                         | £ s d        |                                              | £ s d        |                 | £ s d         |
| To 2/- per H <sup>d</sup> on 50,000                                     |              | By lent in 1768.....                         | 100,000. 0.0 |                 |               |
| H <sup>d</sup> of Tob <sup>o</sup> for 6 Y <sup>rs</sup>                |              | Six Years Interest thereon to                |              |                 |               |
| at £ 5000 to be col-<br>lected and remitted<br>annually.....            | 30,000. 0.0  | 1774.....                                    | 30,000. 0.0  |                 |               |
| To the Negotiating Office<br>for Bills to be remit-<br>ted in 1774..... | 55,000. 0.0  |                                              |              |                 |               |
|                                                                         | 85,000. 0.0  |                                              |              |                 |               |
| Balance due then....                                                    | 45,000. 0.0  |                                              |              |                 |               |
|                                                                         | 130,000. 0.0 |                                              |              |                 |               |
|                                                                         |              |                                              |              |                 | £130,000. 0.0 |



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|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1779 To the Tob <sup>o</sup> Duty                           | By Ball <sup>a</sup> due in 1774.....                                  | 45,000. 0.0     |
| for this Period..... 25,000. 0.0                            | Five Years Int <sup>t</sup> thereon to 1779.                           | 11,250. 0.0     |
| To the Negotiating Office                                   |                                                                        |                 |
| for Bills then to be re-                                    |                                                                        | 56,250. 0.0     |
| mitted..... 31,250. 0.0                                     |                                                                        |                 |
|                                                             |                                                                        | 56,250. 0.0     |
| The Public Faith to be engaged to make good any Deficiency. |                                                                        |                 |
| Dr <sup>a</sup>                                             | The Commissioners of the negotiating Office                            | Cr <sup>a</sup> |
| 1768 To their Stock borrow-                                 | 1774 By the lenders for so much                                        |                 |
| ed in <i>Great Britain</i> .. 100,000. 0.0                  | paid them.....                                                         | 55,000. 0.0     |
| 1773 To loan Office receive                                 | 1779 By Dr <sup>a</sup> .....                                          | 31,250.         |
| then of them £ 68,                                          | 1783 By loan Office for so much                                        |                 |
| 760 Current .....                                           | p <sup>d</sup> to redeem £ 85,141. 13.                                 |                 |
| 1778 Ditto for Ditto £ 39,                                  | 4 Paper .....                                                          | 68,113. 6.8     |
| 062. 10..... 31,250. 10.0                                   |                                                                        |                 |
|                                                             |                                                                        | 154,363. 6.8    |
|                                                             | 186,258. 16.8 Bal <sup>a</sup> due & belong <sup>s</sup> to the Public | 31,895. 10.0    |
|                                                             |                                                                        | £ 186,258. 16.8 |

*Ordered*, That Mr Blair do go up to the Council to acquaint them that this House have agreed to the foregoing Address and Scheme; to which they desire their Concurrence: And, further, that they desire a Conference with them on the Subject Matter of the said Address and Scheme; and will appoint a certain Number of their Members to meet such as shall be appointed by the Council for that Purpose.

*Ordered*, That Mr Blair, Mr Pendleton, Mr Archibald Cary, Mr Braxton, Mr Nicholas, and Mr Washington, be appointed Managers for this House at the Conference.

A Message from the Council by Mr Waltheof.

*That they have agreed to the Bill intituled*, An Act<sup>s</sup> to vest certain Lands in Trustees, for the Purposes therein mentioned.

*Also to the Schedule*, containing fundry Money Claims.

*Also to the Resolve* for allowing Constant Woodson the Sum of £ 100 for her discovering the Method of curing Cancers, on her producing a proper Certificate from the Persons therein mentioned.

An engrossed *Bill*, intituled *An Act<sup>s</sup> for raising a public Levy, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time; and the Blanks therein filled up.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr Archibald Cary do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be printed in the *Virginia Gazette*.

A Message from the Council by Mr Waltheof.

*That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled*, An Act<sup>s</sup> for raising a public Levy, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

*As also to the Conference* desired by this House; and have appointed three of their Members to manage the same, who are now ready in the Conference Chamber to meet the Managers appointed by this House.

*Ordered*, That the Managers appointed by this House do immediately attend those of the Council, in the Conference Chamber; and they accordingly withdrew.

Mr Blair informed the House that the Managers for the Council met in the Conference Chamber, and received of them the Address to his Majesty, and the Scheme for emitting Paper Currency, and then withdrew.

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<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 270.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 273.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 273.





A Message from the Council by Mr Walthoe;

*That they desire a Conference on the Subject of the last, and are now ready in the Conference Chamber.*

Ordered, That the Managers appointed by this House do immediately attend those of the Council, in the Conference Chamber; and they accordingly withdrew.

Mr Blair reported, That the Managers for the House had according to Order, met the Managers for the Council, in the Conference Chamber, who had acquainted them that the Council had considered the Address and Scheme, and could not agree to them; and directed that the same should be returned to this House.

On a Motion made,

Ordered, That the said Address be fairly transcribed and transmitted by the Committee of Correspondence to the Agent of this Colony in Order to be laid before his Majesty.

Ordered, That the said Scheme be also transmitted to the said Agent; and that he be desired to make an Enquiry whether a Sum of Money can be borrowed on the same.

And then the House adjourned for two Hours.

The House met according to their Adjournment.

Mr Dudley Digges reported, That the Committee appointed had according to Order, examined the enrolled Bills and Resolves, and rectified such Mistakes as were found therein; and that they were truly enrolled.

Ordered, That Mr Dudley Digges do carry them to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr Walthoe.

*That they have inspected the enrolled Bills and Resolves, and are satisfied they are truly enrolled.*

A Message from the Governor by Mr Walthoe.

*The Governor commands the immediate Attendance of your House in the Council Chamber, and that you bring with you such Bills and Resolves as are ready for his Assent.*

Mr Speaker, with the House, went up accordingly; and his Honor was pleased to give his Assent to the following public and private Acts:

1. An Act for continuing and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs.

2. An Act For laying an additional Duty upon Slaves imported into this Colony.

3. <sup>3</sup>For applying to the Aid of the public Fund, the Surplus of the Money which shall remain in the Hands of the Treasurer, after paying the Expences of the Militia, according to the Directions of an Act passed in the last Session of Assembly, for raising a public Levy, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

4. <sup>4</sup>For the Punishment of Persons who shall aid or assist Prisoners for Debt to escape or attempt to escape out of Prison.

5. <sup>5</sup>To continue and amend the Act for the better regulating and disciplining the Militia.

6. <sup>6</sup>For the Preservation of the Breed of Cattle.

7. <sup>7</sup>To confirm the Titles to lands claimed by descent or Purchase from Aliens.

8. <sup>8</sup>To amend An Act intituled An Act for preventing Frauds in the Customs and in clearing of Ships, for ascertaining Collectors and Naval Officers Fees and to Prohibit and prevent the casting Ballast or dead Bodies into Rivers or Creeks.

9. <sup>9</sup>For opening a Road through the Frontiers of this Colony to Fort Pitt on the Ohio.

10. <sup>10</sup>An Act For erecting Warehouses for the reception of Hemp.

11. <sup>11</sup>For establishing Fairs in the Town of Mecklenburg in the County of Frederick.

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 232.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 237.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 239.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 240.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 241.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 245.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 250.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 251.

<sup>9</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 252.

<sup>10</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 253.

<sup>11</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 255.



12. <sup>1</sup>To amend and A<sup>c</sup>t intituled An A<sup>c</sup>t to oblige the Prosecutors of Offences not capital to pay the Costs of the Prosecution where the Defendant shall be acquitted.

13. <sup>2</sup>For exempting the Inhabitants of Mecklenburg County, and also the Minister and other Parishioners of St. James' Parish in the said County for the Payment of Ferriage on Sundays Court Days and on the Days appointed for General Muster.

14. <sup>3</sup>To repeal so much of an A<sup>c</sup>t of Assembly passed in the 25<sup>th</sup> Year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled, An A<sup>c</sup>t for building a Bridge over Appamattox River by Subscription, as relates to prohibit the Inhabitants of Dinwiddie and Chesterfield from building a Bridge at the Place in the said A<sup>c</sup>t mentioned, at the Charge of the said Counties.

15. <sup>4</sup>To compel Ships importing Convicts or Servants infected with the Gaol Fever or Small Pox to perform Quarantine.

16. <sup>5</sup>To repeal An A<sup>c</sup>t passed in the thirtieth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty George the second Intituled An A<sup>c</sup>t to impower the Justices of the County of Norfolk to agree with Persons to keep certain Ferries and to levy the Expence thereof upon the Inhabitants of the said County and for other purposes therein mentioned.

17. <sup>6</sup>For increasing the rates of Ferriage at Swan's Point, James Town, and Crouche's Creek and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

18. <sup>7</sup>For building a Bridge over Back River by Subscription.

19. <sup>8</sup>For altering the Court Days of the Counties of Lancaster, Princess Anne, and Elizabeth City.

20. <sup>9</sup>To prevent Hogs running at Large in the Town of Port Royal.

21. <sup>10</sup>For further continuing and amending the A<sup>c</sup>t intituled, An A<sup>c</sup>t for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, & for other Purposes therein mentioned.

22. <sup>11</sup>For increasing the Salary of the Minister of the Parish of Frederick in the County of Frederick.

23. <sup>12</sup>For perpetuating the Succession of the Trustees appointed by the A<sup>c</sup>t of Assembly intituled An A<sup>c</sup>t for enlarging and ascertaining the Limits of the Borough of Norfolk and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

24. <sup>13</sup>To vest certain Lands in Trustees for the Purposes therein mentioned.

25. <sup>14</sup>To impower the Administrators of the Estate of John Robinson, Esq<sup>r</sup>, deceased, to sell such Parts of his real or personal Estate as to them shall seem most convenient for the Payment of his Debts.

26. <sup>15</sup>For raising a Public Levy.

27. A Schedule containing fundry Money Claims.

28. <sup>16</sup>To Dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Lewellen Jones is seized, and for settling other Lands and Slaves in Lieu thereof.

29. <sup>17</sup>To Dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Kendall Lee is seized and for settling other Lands and Slaves to the same Uses.

30. <sup>18</sup>To dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Harry Beverley, Gent. is seized, and for settling Slaves to be purchased, in lieu thereof.

31. <sup>19</sup>To dock the Intail of 623 Acres of Land in the Parish of St. Martin, & County of Hanover, whereof John Aylett is seized in Fee Tail, & for vesting the same in Trustees in Fee Simple for the Uses therein mentioned.

32. <sup>20</sup>To vest certain Lands whereof Thomas Moore is seized in Fee Tail, in Trustees to be sold, & the Money laid out in the Purchase of other Lands and Slaves.

33. <sup>21</sup>To impower George Parker to pay a certain Sum of Money in lieu of an Annuity charged on certain Slaves whereof he is Possessed.

34. <sup>22</sup>To dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof William Starke is seized in Fee Tail for settling other Lands to the same Uses.

35. <sup>23</sup>To dock the Entail of 800 Acres of Land in the County of Amelia, whereof Anne Hall

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 256.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 257.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 259.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 260.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 261.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 263.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 264.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 265.

<sup>9</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 266.

<sup>10</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 266.

<sup>11</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 267.

<sup>12</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 269.

<sup>13</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 270.

<sup>14</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 272.

<sup>15</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 273.

<sup>16</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 276.

<sup>17</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 278.

<sup>18</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 280.

<sup>19</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 283.

<sup>20</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 285.

<sup>21</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 287.

<sup>22</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 289.

<sup>23</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 291.







Hall, Wife of John Hall, is seized in Fee Tail, and for vesting the same in Trustees in Fee Simple, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

36. <sup>1</sup> For paying the Burgessees Wages in Money for this present Session of Assembly.

His Honour likewise gave his Assent to the following Resolves,

1. That Elias Gerrard ought to be allowed the Sum of £ 20 for his present Relief, and the further Sum of £ 12 per Annum during Life, as a Recompence for the Wound he received in the Service of the Country.

2. For allowing Constant Woodson the Sum of £ 100 for the Purposes therein mentioned.

And then his Honour was pleased to prorogue the Assembly to the last Thursday in July next.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgessees,

As you have gone through all the bills which were before you and as I judge a recess from publick business will be agreeable to you, I shall not longer keep you from your respective homes.

But,

Gentlemen of the House of Burgessees,

There is a subject which gives me concern, on which I shall particularly address myself to you, as it is your peculiar province to provide means for the subsistence of the poor of any kind. The subject I mean is the case of the poor lunaticks. I find on your journals that it was

Resolved, That an hospital be erected for the reception of persons who are so unhappy as to be deprived of their reason.

And that it was

Ordered, That the Committee of Propositions and Grievances do prepare and bring in a bill pursuant to the above resolution.

But I do not find that any thing more was done in it. It was a measure which I think could offend no party, and which I was in hopes humanity would have dictated to every man, as soon as he was made acquainted with the call for it. It also concerns me much on another account; for as the case now stands, I am as it were compelled to the daily commission of an illegal act, by confining, without any authority, a poor lunatick who, if set at liberty, would be mischievous to society; and I would choose to be bound by, and observant of, the laws of the country. As I think this a point of some importance to the ease and comfort of the whole community, as well as a point of charity to the unhappy objects, I shall again recommend it to you at your next meeting; when I hope, after mature reflection, it will be found to be more worthy your attention than it has been in this.

Gentlemen of the Council, and of the House of Burgessees,

I have nothing more to add, at this time: Therefore I shall immediately dismiss you, by proroguing you, and you are accordingly prorogued, to the last Thursday in July next.

<sup>1</sup> Henning, VIII, p. 293.



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|----------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Accomack       | *Thomas Parramore<br>*Southey Simpson    | Halifax                   | *Walter Coles<br>*Edward Booker          |
| Albemarle      | Thomas Walker<br>*Edward Carter          | Hampshire                 | *Thomas Rutherford<br>James Mercer       |
| Amelia         | Thomas Tabb<br>*Robert Munford           | Hanover                   | *John Syme<br>*Samuel Meredith           |
| Amherst        | William Cabell, Jr.<br>*Cornelius Thomas | Henrico                   | *Richard Randolph<br>Bowler Cocke, Jr.   |
| Augusta        | John Wilfon<br>*William Preston          | Isle of Wight             | *Dolphin Drew<br>*Richard Baker          |
| Bedford        | *John Talbot<br>*James Callaway          | James City                | Lewis Burwell<br>Robert Carter Nicholas  |
| Brunswick      | William Thornton<br>Frederick Maclin     | Jamestown<br>King & Queen | *Edward Ambler<br>*George Brooke         |
| Buckingham     | *Joseph Cabell<br>*Samuel Jordan         | King George               | *Richard Tunstall<br>*Charles Carter     |
| Caroline       | Edmund Pendleton<br>*Walker Taliaferro   | King William              | *William Robinson<br>Carter Braxton      |
| Charles City   | Benjamin Harrison<br>*William Acrill     | Lancaster                 | *Thomas Claiborne<br>*Robert Mitchell    |
| Charlotte      | *Clement Read<br>*Paul Carrington        | Loudoun                   | Charles Carter<br>Francis Lightfoot Lee  |
| Chesterfield   | Archibald Cary<br>*Seth Ward             | Louisa                    | *James Hamilton<br>*Patrick Henry, Jr.   |
| The College    | John Blair                               | Lunenburg                 | *Richard Anderson<br>*William Taylor     |
| Culpeper       | *John Field<br>*Thomas Slaughter         | Mecklenburg               | *Henry Blagrove<br>*Henry Delaney        |
| Cumberland     | *Alexander Trent<br>*John Mayo           | Middlesex                 | *Robert Munford<br>*John Smith           |
| Dinwiddie      | *Robert Bolling<br>John Banister         | Nansemond                 | *Gavin Corbin<br>Lemuel Riddick          |
| Elizabeth City | †George Wythe<br>Wilfon Miles Cary       | New Kent                  | *Willis Riddick<br>*Burwell Bassett      |
| Effex          | John Lee<br>*Francis Waring              | Norfolk                   | *William Clayton<br>*Thomas Newton, Jr.  |
| Fairfax        | *George Washington<br>*John West         | Norfolk Borough           | *Robert Tucker, Jr.<br>*Joseph Hutchings |
| Fauquier       | *Thomas Harrison<br>Thomas Marshall      | Northampton               | *John Harmanfon<br>Severn Eyre           |
| Frederick      | *Robert Rutherford<br>*James Wood        | Northumberland            | *Spencer Mottrom Ball<br>*Thomas Gaskins |
| Gloucester     | John Page<br>*Thomas Whiting             | Orange                    | *James Walker<br>*Zachariah Burnley      |
| Goochland      | John Payne<br>John Bolling               |                           |                                          |

\*Not shown by the Journal to have been present during the Assembly.

†George Wythe was elected Clerk of the House of Burgesses March 31, 1768.



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|----------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Prince Edward  | Peter LeGrand<br>*Nathaniel Venable     | Stafford             | John Alexander<br>Thomson Mason   |
| Prince George  | Richard Bland<br>*Peter Poythreys       | Surry                | *Hartwell Cocke<br>*Thomas Bailey |
| Prince William | Henry Lee<br>*Foufhee Tebbs             | Suffex               | *David Mason<br>John Edmunds      |
| Princess Anne  | *Edward Hack Moseley<br>*Robert Ballard | Warwick              | William Harwood<br>William Digges |
| Richmond       | John Woodbridge<br>*Landon Carter       | Westmoreland         | *Richard Henry Lee<br>Richard Lee |
| Southampton    | Joseph Gray<br>*Benjamin Symmons        | Williamsburg<br>York | Peyton Randolph<br>Dudley Digges  |
| Spotsylvania   | *Benjamin Grymes<br>*Fielding Lewis     |                      | Thomas Nelson, Jr.                |

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### Changes in the Personnel, 1768.

|               |                                             |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Cumberland    | John Mayo succeeded John Fleming            |
| Fauquier      | James Scott succeeded Thomas Marshall       |
| Goochland     | John Woodson succeeded John Bolling         |
| Isle of Wight | Richard Baker succeeded James Bridges       |
| King William  | Thomas Claiborne succeeded Harry Gaines     |
| Prince Edward | Thomas Scott succeeded Peter LeGrand        |
| Prince George | Peter Poythreys succeeded Alexander Bolling |





By his Excellency, the Right Honourable Francis Fauquier, his Majesty's Lieutenant and Governour General and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and Vice Admiral of the same:

### A PROCLAMATION.

Virginia, to wit:

*Whereas*, the General Assembly stands prorogued to the last *Thursday* in *July* next, but it being unnecessary for them to convene at that time; I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Consent and Advice of his Majesty's Council, by this Proclamation in his Majesty's Name to farther prorogue the said Assembly to the last *Thursday* in *November* next.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony at *Williamsburg* this sixteenth Day of *July* in the Seventh Year of his Majesty's Reign.

Fauquier.

GOD SAVE THE KING.



By his Excellency the Right Honourable Francis Fauquier, his Majesty's Lieutenant and Governour General and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and Vice Admiral of the same:

### A PROCLAMATION.

Virginia, to wit:

*Whereas*, the General Assembly stands prorogued to the last *Thursday* in *November*, and it being unnecessary for them to meet at that time; I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Consent and Advice of his Majesty's Council, to farther prorogue the said Assembly to the first *Thursday* in *May* next; at which Time their Attendance is required at the Capitol in the City of *Williamsburg*, for the Dispatch of the Business of the Colony.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony at *Williamsburg* aforesaid this twelfth Day of *November* in the eighth Year of his Majesty's Reign.

Fauquier.

GOD SAVE THE KING.





By his Excellency the Right Honourable Francis Fauquier, his Majesty's Lieutenant and Governour General and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and Vice Admiral of the same:

### A PROCLAMATION.

Virginia, to wit:

*Whereas*, the General Assembly stands prorogued to the first *Thursday* in *May* next, and it being necessary that they should meet before that time, I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Consent and Advice of his Majesty's Council, to summons them to appear on the last *Thursday* of *March* next.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the Colony, at *Williamsburg*, this twenty-second Day of *January* in the eighth Year of his Majesty's Reign.

Fauquier.

GOD SAVE THE KING.



By the Honourable **John Blair** Esq; President of  
his Majesty's Council, and Commander in Chief of the  
said Colony and Dominion:

### A PROCLAMATION.

**Virginia.** to wit:

*Whereas*, the late Lieutenant Governour and Commander in Chief of this dominion thought fit, by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council, to order, by his proclamation, bearing date of the 22<sup>d</sup> day of *January* last, that the General Assembly should meet on the last day of this instant *March*, at the Capitol in *Williamsburg*; and *whereas* the cause for their meeting them still subsists, I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council, to issue this proclamation, in his Majesty's name, requiring the meeting of the General Assembly on the said last day of *March*, at the Capitol, for the despatch of the important business I shall recommend to them.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the colony, at *Williamsburg*, this seventh day of *March*, 1768, and in the 8<sup>th</sup> year of his Majesty's Reign.

**John Blair.**

GOD SAVE THE KING.





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Thursday, the 31st of March, 8 Geo. III. 1768.

**G**EORGE Wythe, Gentleman, having been appointed Clerk of the House of Burgesses, in the Room of *John Randolph, Esqr*: who had resigned, and having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and the Abjuration Oath, and also the Oath of Office in due Form, and having repeated and subscribed the Test, was admitted to his Place.

A Message from the President by *Mr Walthoe*.

*Mr Speaker,*

*The President commands the immediate Attendance of your House in the Council Chamber.*

Accordingly *Mr Speaker*, with the House went up to attend the President.

And being returned, *Mr Speaker* reported that the House had attended the President in the Council Chamber; where he was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and this House; of which *Mr Speaker*, said he had to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy, which he read to the House, and is as followeth, viz'

*Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses.*

*Our late worthy Governor having designed to meet you here at this Time, the Reasons of that his Intention have been re-considered by me in Council, and the Objects for your Consideration he had to lay before you, have been judged to be of such Importance to the Honour and Service of his Majesty, and to the Security, Ease and Happiness of the People, that I was advised (as the Administration was devolved on me) to renew the Proclamation for your Meeting.*

*By Letters from his Excellency General Gage, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces, and from Sir William Johnson, Superintendant of Indian Affairs, which I shall cause to be laid before you, it will appear that a Set of Men, regardless of the Laws of natural Justice, unmindful of the Duties they owe to Society, and in Contempt of the Royal Proclamations, have dared to settle themselves upon the Lands near Red Stone Creek, and Cheat River, which are the Property of the Indians and notwithstanding the repeated Warnings of the Danger of such lawless Proceedings and the strict and spirited Injunctions to them to desist, and to quit their unjust Possessions, they still remain unmoved, and seem to defy the Orders and even the Powers of Government.*

*What avails it, Gentlemen, that we have Laws to repress the Fraud and Violence committed by Individuals upon each other and thereby to preserve the internal Peace and Order of the Country, if we have not a coercive legal Power, sufficient to restrain and punish those, who, by their Conduct, are drawing upon the whole Community one of the dreadfulest public Calamities that can befall us? Late experience hath shewn us the Variety of Evils which the Inhabitants on the Frontiers suffered during an Indian War, nor can you have forgot the Torrents of human Blood which drenched our Lands, and the cruel Captivity to which so many of every Age and Sex were subjected. No. The tender Heart of Man cannot so soon divest itself of the Feelings of Humanity, which were excited by those Scenes of complicated Misery.*

*And*





And shall we, can we, permit these Banditti, these abandoned Men in Prosecution of their usurped Pretensions, to open afresh those Sluices of Blood, whose flowing hath been so lately stopt by the Wisdom, Fortitude, and paternal Care of our most gracious Sovereign? I will rather hope for your Assistance to strengthen the Hands of Government, and to enable me by some prudent Law, to prevent the fatal Consequences which must otherwise follow, from the Discontent and naturally vindictive Disposition of the Indians.

*Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes.*

If you shall find it necessary to lay any Tax upon the People for the Service I have here recommended to you, I have no Occasion to mention my earnest Desire that it may be done in a manner that shall be as little burthenfome to them as it is possible. They have long borne they have long groaned under, the Weight of Taxes: Could I live to see a Period to them, it would be great Consolation to me in the Decline of Life.

*Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes.*

A Memorial which the Treasurer presented to the Late Governor, and which will also be laid before you, is to be a further Subject of your Consideration. If you think that the People can with Propriety be relieved from any part of the heavy Taxes they have laboured under, I persuade myself that your Inclination to do it is equal to my own; and I need not caution you, that in any Act for this Purpose; regard must be had to the public Faith already plighted, and to Acts of Parliament, which must be the invariable Rules of my Conduct, and I hope they will have their proper Weight in your Deliberations upon this Occasion.

The Inconvenience of carrying on the public Business at both Ends of the Capitol at the same Time, is so well known to you, that it is unnecessary for me to recommend Dispatch in your Proceedings, so that they may be finished before the General Court begins. Indeed the Benefits arising from the wisest Laws for the good Government of a Country, are greatly diminished if the Execution of them meets with Delays and Interruptions, from whatever Cause they may happen.

I cannot conclude without paying the just Tribute to the Memory of our late Governor, whose Death we now lament. His distinguished abilities in Government, his unwearied Application and Attention to the Duties of his Station, made him happy in the Approbation of his Royal Master. His Integrity, good Sense, Candour, Easiness of Access, and his Endeavours for our Happiness, assured him of the Gratitude and Affection of us all. May the Wisdom and Goodness of our most excellent Sovereign, direct him in the Choice of a Successor; whose mind is equally cultivated in the Arts of Government, and is equally zealous in promoting the great Ends of it.

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to his Honor the President, returning the Thanks of this House for his kind and affectionate Speech; to condole with him on the Loss of our late worthy Governor, and to congratulate him on his Succession to the Administration of Government, the just Reward of his long and faithful Services to our Sovereign and his People here; and to assure his Honor that we will take the important Matters recommended to us under our immediate Consideration, and do therein what shall be judged most proper for the true Interest of the Colony.

*Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address, to be presented to the President upon the said Resolutions.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr Pendleton and Mr Archibald Cary.

*Ordered*, That the President's Speech be referred to the said Committee.

Mr Speaker informed the House, that the President had delivered to him the Letters and Memorial referred to in his Speech, in order to be laid before this House; and he delivered them in at the Table.

*Ordered*, That the said Letters and Memorial do lie on the Table.

*Resolved*, That the President's Speech be taken into Consideration on Saturday next.

*Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to examine into the State of the Funds arising upon the Land and Poll Tax, the additional Duty upon Slaves, the Tax upon Tobacco, Wheel-Carriages, Writs, and Ordinary Licences, which were imposed by the several Acts of Assembly for sinking the Treasury Notes omitted pursuant to the said

Acts





Acts; that they state an Account of the Monies due to the Public from the late Treafurer, and alfo an Account of the Arrears due from the feveral Collectors of the faid Taxes, and report the fame to this Houfe:

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Bland*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Lemuel Riddick*, Mr *Benjamin Harrifon*, Mr *Blair*, and Mr *Page*.

Mr *Speaker* informed the Houfe, that he had received a Letter directed to him from the Speaker of the Houfe of Representatives of the Province of the *Massachusetts Bay*; and he delivered it in at the Table.

*Ordered*, That the faid Letter do lie on the Table.

*Ordered*, That an Addrefs be made to the Prefident, to order a new Writ to iffue for the electing of a Burgefs<sup>1</sup> to ferve in this prefent General Affembly for the County of *Prince George*, in the Room of Mr *Alexander Bolling*, deceafed; and that Mr *Bland* do wait on him with the faid Addrefs.

*Ordered*, That an Addrefs be made to the Prefident, to order a new Writ to iffue for the electing of a Burgefs<sup>2</sup> to ferve in this prefent General Affembly for the County of *Cumberland*, in the Room of Mr *John Fleming* deceafed; and that Mr *Archibald Cary*, do wait on him with the faid Addrefs.

*Ordered*, That an Addrefs be made to the Prefident to order a new Writ to iffue for the electing of a Burgefs<sup>3</sup> to ferve in this prefent General Affembly for the County of *Isle of Wight*, in the Room of Mr *James Bridger*, who, fince his Election, hath accepted the Office of Coroner of the faid County; and that Mr *Nicholas* do wait on him with the faid Addrefs.

*Ordered*, That an Addrefs be made to the Prefident, to order a new Writ to iffue for the electing of a Burgefs<sup>4</sup> to ferve in this prefent General Affembly for the County of *Goochland*, in the Room of Mr *John Bolling*, who, fince his Election, hath accepted the Office of Sheriff of the faid County; and that Mr *Archibald Cary* do wait on him with the faid Addrefs.

Mr *Speaker* informed the Houfe that he had, according to their Defire, tranfmitted their Refolution of laft Seffion, for erecting a Light-houfe on Cape *Henry*, and defraying the Expence of building and maintaining the fame, to the Speaker of the Houfe of Representatives in the Province of *Maryland*, and had received a Letter from him on that Subject, and he delivered it in at the Table.

*Ordered*, That the faid Letter do lie on the Table.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Correspondence do lay before this Houfe the Letters from the Agent, and their Proceedings fince the laft Seffion of Affembly.

*Ordered*, That a Committee of Privileges and Elections be appointed:

And a *Committee* was appointed of Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Lemuel Riddick*, Mr *Nicholas*, Mr *William Diggs*, Mr *Benjamin Harrifon*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Page*, Mr *Burwell*, Mr *Francis Lightfoot Lee*, and Mr *Blair*:

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day; and to examine in the firft Place all Returns of Writs for electing Burgeffes to ferve in this prefent General Affembly and compare the fame with the Form prefcribed by Law; and to take into their Confideration all fuch Matters as fhall or may come in Queftion touching Returns, Elections and Privileges and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, from Time to Time, to the Houfe. And the faid Committee is to have Power to fend for Perfons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Starke* be appointed Clerk to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

The Houfe being informed that, in Contempt of the Authority of this Houfe *Edward Westmore*, Keeper of the Public Gaol, had difobeyed their Order of laft Seffion for the Confinement and Diet of *James Pride*, then in Cufody of the faid Gaoler for Breach of Privilege;

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Election to examine the

<sup>1</sup> Peter Poythrefs.

<sup>2</sup> John Mayo.

<sup>3</sup> Richard Baker.

<sup>4</sup> John Woodfon.





the Matter of the said Information, and report the same with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

*Ordered*, That the Reverend Mr *Price* be continued Chaplain to this House; and that he attend every Morning to read Prayers at 10 o'Clock.

*Ordered*, That *James Lavie*, *William Hicks*, and *Robert Hyland* be continued Door-Keepers to this House, and that they give their Attendance accordingly.

*Ordered*, That *John Creagh* be appointed Door-Keeper to this House, in the room of *John Broadrib*, who hath declined that Service, and that he the said *John Creagh* give his Attendance accordingly.

*And then the House adjourned until Saturday Morning 11 o'Clock.*

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## Saturday, the 2nd of April. 8 Geo. III. 1768.

MR *Bland* laid before the House according to Order, the Agent's Letters, and the Proceedings of the Committee of Correspondence, since the last Session of Assembly.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the Table.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Treasurer* do lay his Accounts before the House.

*Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to inquire what Laws are near expiring; and that they report the same to the House, with their Opinion which of the said Laws are fit to be continued.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Lemuel Riddick*, Mr *Banister*, Mr *Edmunds*, and Mr *Pendleton*.

Mr *Treasurer* according to Order, laid his Accounts before the House.

*Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to examine the Treasurer's Accounts, and report the Balance, as it shall appear to them, to the House:

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Bland*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Lemuel Riddick*, Mr *Benjamin Harrison*, Mr *Blair* and Mr *Page*.

*Ordered*, That the Treasurer's Accounts be referred to the said Committee.

A Petition of *John Henry* was presented to the House and read setting forth, that he had been encouraged by the generous Subscription of many of the Members of the Legislature, as well as private Gentlemen, to make so considerable a Progress in the Survey of this Colony, that he is hopeful it may be compleated by the End of this Month, and that it will give general Satisfaction. But as the Subscription Money is almost exhausted, he will be unable to get the Map thereof printed; whereby the Undertaking, instead of its being of public Utility, as well as advantageous to the Petitioner, would be rendered of no Use to the Community, and greatly detrimental to him, unless this Honourable House will be pleased to enable him to get the said Map printed. And forasmuch as the Petitioner proposed to measure all the most public Roads in the Colony, which would not only be very agreeable to Travellers, but beneficial to the Community, by the Reduction of Charges arising from Venire Men and Witnesses attending the Trials of Criminals at the supreme Court of this Dominion, the computed Miles all over the Colony being shorter than the measured ones; but it being suggested, that such Mensuration, without the Courses being taken, will not be of such general Use, as both would be, since thereby the Roads throughout the Colony might be streightened; the Petitioner not being enabled to set about a Work of such Expence, had deferred any Mensuration thereof until he should have an Opportunity of laying the Matter before this Honourable House. And as some Obstruction was likely to be given to the general Survey by mistaken Persons, who imagine it may be attended with pernicious Consequences, some of the Surveyors having been forbid to run certain Lines: Therefore praying this House will be pleased to take the Premises into Consideration, and grant him such Assistance therein, as to its Wisdom shall seem meet.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee; and





and that they do examine the Matters thereof, and report the same, as they shall appear to them, to the House:

And it is referred to Mr *Bland*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Treasurer*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Francis Lightfoot Lee*, Mr *Richard Lee*, and Mr *Wilson Miles Cary*.

Mr *Pendleton* reported, from the Committee appointed on *Thursday* last to draw up an Address to be presented to the President, that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the same in his Place and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read, and is as followeth, *viz*^.

SIR:

*We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Burgeffes of Virginia, now met in General Assembly, return your Honor our unfeigned Thanks for your kind and affectionate Speech at the Opening of this Session.*

*When we reflect on the distinguished Merit of our late most worthy Governor; his constant Exertion of every public and private Virtue, as well in the Duties of his Station, as in the endearing Reciprocations of Friendship among us, we cannot sufficiently lament the Loss we have sustained by his Death; an Event on which we heartily condole with your Honor.*

*Our Sorrow on this Occasion is greatly alleviated by a Confidence, that the Wisdom and Goodness of our most excellent and gracious Sovereign, will direct him to the Choice of a Successor equally able, and disposed to promote the great Ends of Government, the Honor and Interest of the Crown and People. And on Consideration that in the mean Time the Administration of Government is devolved upon your Honor, whose Abilities, Goodness and Benignity, in this high Station, we have formerly experienced; be pleased Sir, to accept our sincere Congratulations upon this Succession, the just Reward of your long and faithful Services.*

*We will take the several matters recommended to us under our immediate Consideration, and proceed therein with that Deliberation and Dispatch, which their Importance, and the Convenience of a short Session require.*

The said Address being read a second Time,

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Address, to be presented to the President.

*Resolved*, That the said Address be fairly transcribed, and presented to the President by the whole House.

*Ordered*, That the Committee who drew up the said Address do wait on the President, to know his Pleasure when this House shall attend his Honor to present it.

Upon a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That the Letter directed to Mr *Speaker* from the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Province of the *Massachusetts Bay*, which was ordered to lie on the Table, be read:

And the same being read accordingly;

*Resolved*, That this House will upon *Tuesday* next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the said Letter.

*Ordered*, That the said Letter be referred to the said Committee.

A *Petition* of fundry Freeholders of the Counties of *Chesterfield*, *Henrico*, *Dinwiddie*, and *Amelia*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Act of Parliament lately passed, suspending the legislative Power of the Colony of *New York*, had such a fatal Tendency, and seemed so destructive of the Liberty of a free People, that the Petitioners are impressed with the deepest Sense of the Danger of losing their antient Rights and Privileges as Freemen, dependent on and Subjects to the Crown of *Great Britain*: And praying the House will be pleased to take the said Grievance under their Consideration, and implore his Majesty, in the most humble Manner, for a Repeal of the said Act of Parliament; and that such other Measures may be pursued as shall be agreeable to the House.

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*Also a Petition* of fundry Freeholders of the County of *Westmoreland*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner regarding this Honourable House as the only true and constitutional Representative of the People of *Virginia*, and therefore the only Assembly, where, consistently with Law and Liberty, Taxes can be imposed on them, did humbly beg Leave to hope, that the House would take into their most serious Consideration the Tendency of certain Acts of the *British* Parliament lately passed, for billeting Soldiers in *America*, and for laying certain Duties on Glafs, Paper, Paint, &c. for the Purpose of raising a Revenue: That it seemed to the Petitioners that the *British* Act by requiring a Supply for quartering Troops, to be levied on the People without the free Consent of their Representatives, is an internal Tax destructive of their Liberty and Rights, founded as they are on the *English* Constitution, confirmed by Charter, and frequently recognized by the *British* Parliament. Nor can the Petitioners fail to be greatly alarmed, when they find this unconstitutional and dangerous Act attempted to be forced on their Fellow Subjects of *New York*, by another Act suspending the Legislature of that Province. That the Connection subsisting between *Great Britain* and her Colonies producing a Political Necessity for Supplies of Manufactures, to be taken solely from the former by the latter, renders the Act imposing Duties for the single Purpose of Revenue, on Paper, Glafs, Paint, &c. used in *America*, both cruel and unconstitutional. That the Property of *British* Subjects in *America* being thus granted away by a Parliament, in which they are not and cannot be represented must effectually destroy their Liberty, and deprive them of the Means of shewing Loyalty to their most gracious Sovereign, and Affection to their Mother Country, by giving their Money through their own Representatives, when the common Interest of *Britain* and *America* shall demand it. And that should those Acts appear to this Honourable House in the same and destructive and dangerous Light that they do to the Petitioners, they will not doubt but that the constitutional Guardians of the Liberty of *Virginia* will, by addressing his Majesty, the great Defender of *American* as well as *British* Rights, or by whatever Means shall appear most proper and effectual to the Wisdom of the House, endeavour to obtain the Repeal of those Acts, so evidently producing the Destruction of *American* Freedom and Happiness.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee:

And they are referred to the Committee of the whole House for considering the Letter to Mr *Speaker*, from the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Province of the *Massachusetts* Bay.

Two *Petitions* of fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Augusta*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, were presented to the House and read, praying that the said County may be divided.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the next Session of Assembly.

Upon a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That the Treasurer pay to *David Chivis*, the Sum of Ninety Pounds, allowed to him in the Book of Claims at the last Session of Assembly for his Negroe Man Slave, who was condemned for Felony, although he hath not been executed; it appearing that the said Slave escaped out of Gaol, and could never be recovered by his Master.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the House to take into Consideration the President's Speech;

*Resolved*, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Speech.

*Ordered*, That the Letters and Memorial referred to in the President's Speech, and the Letters from the Agent to the Committee of Correspondence, and their Proceedings, which were ordered to lie on the Table, be referred to the said Committee.

Then the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.





Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had had the President's Speech under Consideration, and made a Progress therein; and that he was directed by the Committee to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will on *Monday* next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the President's Speech.

And then the House adjourned til Monday Morning 11 o'Clock.

## Monday. the 4th of April. 8 Geo. III. 1768.

A *Petition* of *James Roscow* was presented to the House, and read setting forth, that he is seized in Fee Tail, under the Will of his Grandfather *James Roscow*, and the Will of his Father *William Roscow*, of sundry Tracts of Lands situate in the County of *Warwick*, which are at present very expensive and burthen-some to the Petitioner for want of Slaves to work the same; and therefore praying, that an Act may pass to dock the Intail of one Tract of the said Lands, containing Fifteen Hundred Acres, known by the Name of *Doyley's* in order that the same may be sold, and the Money arising from such Sale be laid out in Slaves, to be settled to the same Uses as the said Tract of Land is limited by the Will of the said *James Roscow* the Grandfather.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the said Petition; and that Mr *William Digges*, and Mr *Pendleton*, do prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That an Address be made to the President, to order a new Writ to issue for the electing of a Burgesses to serve in this present General Assembly for the County of *King William*, in the Room of Mr *Harry Gaines*, deceased; and that Mr *Pendleton* do wait on him with the said Address.

*Ordered*, That an Address be made to the President, to order a new Writ to issue for the electing of a Burgesses to serve in this present General Assembly for the County of *Fauquier* in the Room of Mr *Thomas Marshall*, who since his Election, hath accepted the Office of Sheriff of the said County; and that Mr *Pendleton* do wait on him with the said Address.

A *Petition* of *John Wormeley* was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that under the Will of *Elizabeth Wormeley*, Widow, late of the County of *Middlesex*, he is seized in Fee-Tail of Six Hundred and Thirty Acres of Land, situate in the Parish of *York-Hampton* and County of *York*; and that it will be beneficial to the Petitioner, and those claiming under him to have the intail of the said Land docked, and other Lands, and Slaves of Greater Value, settled in Lieu thereof, to the same Uses as the said Lands in *York* are limited by the Will of the said *Elizabeth Wormeley*: And therefore praying that an Act may pass for that Purpose.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the said Petition: And that Mr *Nelson*, and Mr *Francis Lightfoot Lee*, do prepare and bring in the same.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to examine the State of the Clerk's Office of this House; and that they report the same, as it shall appear to them, to this House:

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Bland*, Mr *Wilson Miles Cary*, Mr *Treasurer*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Blair*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Lemuel Riddick*, and Mr *Francis Lightfoot Lee*.

*Ordered*, That an Address be made to the President, to order a new Writ to issue for the electing of a Burgesses to serve in this present General Assembly for the County of *Prince Edward*, in the Room of Mr *Peter Le Grand*, who, since his Election, hath accepted the Office of Coroner of the said County; And that Mr *Archibald Cary* do wait on him with the said Address.

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A *Petition* of *William Cabell*, junior, was presented to the House, and read, praying that so much of the Act of Assembly made in the first Year of the Reign of his present Majesty intituled *An Act for appointing several new Ferries*, as established a Ferry from the Petitioners Land on the North Side of the *Fluvanna* River, to the Land of *William Cabell*, on the South Side, may be repealed.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the said Petition; and it is referred to Mr *Pendleton* to prepare and bring in the same.

A *Representation* of the Freeholders of *Prince William* County, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read setting forth, that it is with the greatest Concern they find the same unconstitutional Measures now pursued by the *British* Parliament, as gave rise to the late abhorred and detestable Stamp Act, which would have shackled the *North Americans* with Slavery, had they submitted to the Execution thereof: That Notwithstanding it is the undoubted Right of every Subject of *Britain* to be taxed only by Consent of Representatives chosen by themselves, which hath been ratified and confirmed to them during the Reigns of nine Successive Princes; yet, contrary to the *Magna Charta*, and the Charters granted to the several Colonies in *America*, the Parliament hath again assumed to themselves the Right of laying Taxes and Impositions on the People of *America* by the several Acts for imposing certain Duties on *British* Commodities, for the Purpose of raising a Revenue here the Billenting Act and the Act for depriving the *New York* Assembly of a Legislative Power, until they had complied with the Impositions of the Billenting Act; so that they have not only taken from the said Subscribers their Money without their Consents, but deprive them of their Liberty and constitutional Rights as Freemen, which Freedom and Privilege they have hitherto equally enjoyed with their Fellow-Subjects in *Britain*: And therefore intreating the House to assert their Rights with decent Freedom; and to supplicate their most Gracious Sovereign to have their Grievances redressed by the Repeal of the said several oppressive Acts.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee.

And it is referred to the Committee of the whole House for taking into Consideration the Letter directed to Mr *Speaker* from the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Province of the *Massachusetts* Bay.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That for the future no Fee or Compensation at all be paid to the Treasurer, for the use of the Public, or to any other Person, for any private Bills which shall pass this House.

A *Petition* of the Justices, Clerk, and Attornies of the Court of *Goochland* County, and sundry other Persons, whose Names are thereunto Subscribed, was presented to the House, and read, praying that an Act may pass to alter the Court Day of the said County. to the third *Monday* in every Month.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the said Petition; and it is referred to Mr *Payne*, and Mr *Bland*, to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr *Pendleton* reported to the House, that the President having been waited on, pursuant to the Order of *Saturday* last, to know his Pleasure when he would be attended by this House, had been pleased to appoint *Thursday* next, in the Council Chamber.

The Order of the Day being read;

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the President's Speech.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had come to several Resolutions, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the same was read, and are as followeth, viz<sup>t</sup>.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that any Incroachments made on the Lands of the *Indians* in Amity with his Majesty, or any Breach of the Treaties subsisting





subsisting between them, are high Crimes and Misdemeanors, and ought to be severely punished, as they have an immediate Tendency to destroy that Confidence in the good Faith of the Colonies, which ought always to be preserved, and to bring on a War, in which a great Deal of Blood must be spilt.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that if any of the Inhabitants of this Colony have settled on *Cheat River* and *Redstone Creek*, it was without the Knowledge or Approbation of this Assembly, since his Majesty's Proclamation, to whom, at our last Session, we sent an Address on this Subject; and we make no Doubt he will soon have all Matters adjusted with the *Indians*, so as to leave no Cause of Complaint.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that an Address be presented to the President, to desire in the mean Time that he would be pleased to make our Resolutions known to those Nations, who are alarmed at the Behavior of our People on the Frontiers, and to warn the Inhabitants of this Colony not to do any Thing inconsistent with the public Faith, as a contrary Behavior must necessarily draw on them great Calamities, which they will justly deserve, who, regarding their own private Advantages only, so incatiously risque the public Tranquility: And also that he would be pleased to write to Sir *William Johnson*, requesting him to use his best Endeavours to procure from the *Indians* a Release of the Prisoners still remaining in Captivity which have been detained contrary to the Treaties subsisting between his Majesty and the *Indians*.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland*, Mr *Pendleton*, and Mr *Treasurer*, do wait on the President with the said Resolutions.

Mr *Bland* also acquainted the House that he was directed by the Committee to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will, upon *Wednesday* next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the President's Speech.

*And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, 11 o'Clock.*

## Tuesday, the 5th of April. 8 Geo. III. 1768.

THE House was moved that Part of one Act of Parliament made in the Seventh Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled *An Act for restraining and prohibiting the Governor, Council, and House of Representatives of the Province of New York, until Provision shall have been made for furnishing the Kings Troops with all the Neecessaries required by Law, from passing or assenting to any Act of Assembly, Vote, or Resolution, for any other Purpose*; Part of one other Act of Parliament made in the said Seventh Year of the Reign of his said Majesty, intituled *An Act for granting certain Duties in the British Colonies and Plantations in America; for allowing a Drawback of the Duties of Customs upon the Exportation from this Kingdom to Coffee and Cocoa Nuts of the Produce of the said Colonies or Plantations; for discontinuing the Drawbacks payable on China Earthen Ware exported to America; and for more effectually preventing the Clandestine Running of Goods in the said Colonies and Plantations*; and also Part of one other Act of Parliament made in the said seventh Year of the Reign of his said Majesty intituled *An Act to enable his Majesty to put the Customs, and other Duties in the British Dominions in America, and the Execution of the Laws relating to Trade there, under the Management of Commissioners, to be appointed for that Purpose, and to be resident in the said Dominions*;" might be read:

And the same being read accordingly:

*Ordered*, That the said several Acts of Parliament be referred to the Consideration of the Committee for taking into Consideration the Letter directed to Mr *Speaker*, from the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Province of the *Massachusetts Bay*.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of *John Henry* was referred, that they had had the same under their Consideration and had come to a Resolution

<sup>1</sup> Great Britain Statutes at Large, VI, p. 732.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VI, p. 768.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VI, p. 754.





lution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the same was read, and is as followeth, *viz*ʰ.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the next Session of Assembly.

The said *Resolution* being read a second Time;

An *Amendment* was proposed to be made thereunto, by leaving out the Words "*referred to the Consideration of the next Session of Assembly*" and inserting the Word "*Rejected*," instead thereof:

And the *Question* being put, that the Words, referred to the Consideration of the next Session of Assembly stand part of the said Resolution;

It passed in the Negative.

And the *Question* being put, that the Word *rejected*, be inserted instead thereof:

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution so amended, that the said Petition be rejected.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported from the Committee, to whom it was referred to inquire what Laws are near expiring, that they had, according to Order, had the same under their Consideration, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz*ʰ.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Assembly made in the Fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled "*An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*," which was continued and amended by another Act made in the Seventh Year of his said Majesty's Reign, and which will expire on the first Day of *October* 1769, ought to be further continued.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Assembly made in the nineteenth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty *King George* the Second, intituled "*An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," which hath been continued by several Acts, and amended by three other Acts made in the first, third and seventh Years of his present Majesty's Reign, and which will expire on the twelfth Day of *April*, 1769, ought to be further continued.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That a Bill or Bills be brought in, pursuant to the said Resolutions; and that the said Committee do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr *Pendleton* reported from the Committee of Privileges and Elections that they had, according to Order, had under their Consideration the Information, to them referred, against *Edward Westmore*, Keeper of the public Gaol, for a Contempt of the Authority of this House, in disobeying the Order of the last Session for the Confinement and Diet of *James Pride*; and having heard the said *Edward Westmore* in his own Defence, and examined several Witnesses on the Matter of the said Information, had come to a Resolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read, and is as followeth, *viz*ʰ.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said *Edward Westmore* hath strictly conformed to the said Order.

The said *Resolution* being read a second Time, was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Mr *Speaker* informed the House, that he had received a Letter directed to him from *William Rind*, Printer, relative to the Order of last Session for printing the old Journals; and he delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

*Ordered*, That the said Letter do lie on the Table.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee appointed to examine the State of the Clerk's Office of this House, to inquire into the Condition of all the Journals of  
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this House, and to report the same, as it shall appear to them, to this House: And also to treat with *William Rind*, Printer, and receive his Proposals for printing the old Journals of this House to the Year 1752, and report the same to this House.

*Ordered*, That *Mr Gray*, *Mr Eyre*, *Mr Tabb*, *Mr Banister*, and *Mr Benjamin Harrison*, be added to the said Committee.

*Mr Pendleton* presented to the House according to Order, a Bill to repeal so much of an Act, intituled "*An Act for appointing several new Ferries*," as relates to a Ferry across the *Fluvanna River*, from and to the Lands of *William Cabell*, Gentleman; And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

A *Petition* of *James Cocke* was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that the Treasurer's Office was formerly kept at a private House, and the Petitioner, not judging that to be a Place secure enough for a Purpose of such Importance, did, at a considerable Expence, build a House on his own Lot, where the Treasury was held for four Years; during which Time the Petitioner might have rented the same, but chose rather to keep it for the Use aforesaid; and humbly praying the Consideration of this Honorable House, and that they would be pleased to make him such Allowance as, for the above recited Service, he may appear to have deserved.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Consideration of a Committee; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear them, to the House:

And it is referred to *Mr Bland* and *Mr Archibald Cary*.

The Order of the Day being read,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into their Consideration the Letter directed to *Mr Speaker* from the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Province of the *Massachusetts Bay*.

*Mr Speaker* left the Chair.

*Mr Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

*Mr Speaker* resumed the Chair.

*Mr Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had, according to Order, had under their Consideration the Letter directed to *Mr Speaker*, from the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Province of the *Massachusetts Bay*, and had made some Progress therein; and had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will To-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the said Letter.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

### Wednesday, the 6th of April. 8 Geo. III. 1768.

**M***R Bland* reported from the Committee appointed to examine the State of the Clerk's Office of this House, that they had, according to Order, examined the State of the said Office, and had directed him to report the same, as it appeared to them, to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read, and is as followeth *viz*!

Your Committee have, according to Order, examined the State of the Clerk's Office of this House, and find, that the Books and Papers are properly digested, and carefully preserved in Presses.

It appears to your Committee, that the present Clerk hath been at considerable Trouble, in separating and putting into Order fundry old Papers which appear to have remained in a State of Confusion ever since the Year 1698, and having prepared an Index referring to the several Books and Papers in the Office, any necessary Matter therein may be readily found, which may be of considerable Advantage in the Dispatch of Business.

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Your *Committee* then proceeded to examine the Journals, and find the State of them as follows:

*Journals* of the Grand Assembly, 1652, 1653, 1654, 1655, 1656 and 1657, and Proceedings of the Grand Assembly against Criminals, and Letters to the Protector, and Articles of the surrendering of *Virginia*; these appear imperfect in loose Sheets.

*Journals* of the House of Burgesses from 1659 to 1682, from 1684 to 1692, from 1692 to 1702, these are contained in 4 Folio Books, the Bindings of which are somewhat impaired.

*Journals* 1706, stitched only.

From 1710 to 1712 in a bound Book.

1720, 1723, 1727, 1730, 1732, are in stitched Books.

From 1734. to 1742, in a bound Book.

From 1744 to 1749, in four thin half bound Books.

Mr *Rind*, the Printer, being called before your Committee, declared that he was willing to undertake the Printing of the said Journals, according to the former Order of the House, for the Sum of £400, to be paid him by the Public, and the Chance of private Subscriptions, with this Reservation, that if such Subscriptions should fail, with the said £400, to reimburse him his Expences in the Undertaking, he will rely on the Honor of the Assembly to make him a further Gratuity not exceeding £200.

*Ordered*, That the said Report do lie on the Table.

The House was moved that a Letter from the Agent to the Committee of Correspondence, dated January 23d, 1768, and laid before the House this Day, might be read.

And the same being read accordingly;

*Ordered*, That the said Letter be referred to the Committee of the whole House, for taking into Consideration the Letter directed to Mr *Speaker*, from the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Province of the *Massachusetts* Bay.

Mr *Nelson* presented to the House, according to Order, A Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *John Wormeley* is seized, and to settle other Lands and Slaves in Lieu thereof; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

A *Petition* of *William Rind*, Printer, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That his Salary, as Printer to the Public, will expire at the End of this Session of Assembly; and therefore humbly praying that the same may be further continued.

*Resolved*, That the Sum of Three hundred and Seventy five Pounds per Annum be allowed to *William Rind*, Printer, to continue to the End of the next Session of Assembly, as a full Consideration for printing the Journals of the House of Burgesses, and the Laws of each Session, and sending as many Copies to the County Court Clerks as there are acting Justices in the Commission, in each respective County, and one other (which is to be half-bound) for the Use of the Court, and ten to the Clerks of the Courts of Hustings in the City of *Williamsburg*, and the Borough of *Norfolk*; and printing Inspectors Receipts and Books, Proclamations, and public Advertisements.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the said Resolution to the Council for their Concurrence.

A *Petition* of *John Thomas* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that upon the Expedition in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-four, it being made known that it was desired a Number of Volunteers should join the King's Troops, commanded by Colonel *Bouquet*, on that Expedition; the Petitioner did actually enlist fourteen able Men, upon the Assurance that he should have the Rank of an Ensign, and be equally intitled to any Advantage or Emolument which might arise to Officers of the same Rank who should enter into that Service; and further shewing that the Petitioner had been informed his Name was left out of the List of Officers, who obtained an Allowance from the House, by Mistake; and therefore praying that this House would take the same into their Consideration, and make him such allowance as they may think equitable and also





A *Petition of George Slaughter* was presented to the House and read setting forth, that in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-four, he entered himself a Volunteer to serve in the Expedition against the *Indian Towns*, under the Command of Col: *Bouquet*; that upon its being signified to be the Desire of the General Assembly, that a Number of the Volunteers should serve on Horseback, the Petitioner furnished himself with a suitable Horse for that Service; that upon a Peace being concluded with the different Tribes of *Indians*, and a large Number of distressed Prisoners being delivered up, the Petitioner's Horse was employed on their Return in carrying some of those restored Captives, by which Means the said Horse was lost; and that the Petitioner therefore humbly hoped this Honorable House would take the same into Consideration, and grant him such Allowance as they may think reasonable, as he was actuated by Principles of public Spirit to enter into that Service, and without Expectation of receiving any Reward for his Services.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the next Session of Assembly.

Mr *Payne* presented to the House, according to Order, A Bill for altering the Court Day of the County of *Goochland*; and the same was received and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

The Order of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, for taking into Consideration the Letter directed to Mr *Speaker* from the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Province of the *Massachusetts Bay*.

*Ordered*, That the Act of Parliament made in the fourth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled "*An Act for granting certain Duties in the British Colonies and Plantations in America; for continuing, amending, and making perpetual, An Act passed in the sixth Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the Second (intituled, An Act for the better securing and encouraging the Trade of his Majesty's Sugar Colonies in America) for applying the Produce of such Duties, and of the Duties to arise by Virtue of the said Act, towards defraying the Expences of defending, protecting, and securing the said Colonies and Plantations; for explaining an Act made in the twenty-fifth Year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, (intituled An Act for the Encouragement of the Greenland and Eastland Trades, and for the better securing the Plantation Trade;)* and for altering and disallowing several Drawbacks on Exports from this Kingdom, and more effectually preventing the clandestine Conveyance of Goods to and from the said Colonies and Plantations and improving and securing the Trade between the same and Great Britain;" be referred to the said Committee.

Then the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had made some further Progress in the Matters referred to them; and had directed him to move that they may have Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will To-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into their further Consideration the Letter directed to Mr *Speaker* from the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Province of the *Massachusetts Bay*.

Mr *Archibald Cary* presented to the House, according to Order, A Bill for further continuing the Act intituled "*An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs:*" And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr *Archibald Cary* presented to the House according to Order, A Bill for further continuing the Act, intituled "*An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*"

And

<sup>1</sup> Great Britain Statutes at Large, Vol. VI, pp. 542-550.

<sup>2</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 69.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, V, p. 38.





And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

The House was moved, That part of an Act made in the twenty-second Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George the Second, intituled "*An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for Relief of Insolvent Debtors*," might be read;

And the same being read accordingly.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the said Act.

*Ordered*, That Mr Pendleton, and Mr Benjamin Harrison, do prepare and bring in the same.

A Bill to repeal so much of an Act, intituled "*An Act for appointing several new Ferries*" as relates to a Ferry across the Fluvanna River, from and to the Lands of William Cabell, Gentleman, was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be ingrossed and read a third Time.

A Bill for altering the Court Day of the County of Goochland, was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be ingrossed and read a third Time.

A Bill To dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof John Wormeley is seized, and to settle other Lands, and Slaves in Lieu thereof was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to the Members for York, James City, Warwick, New Kent and Orange.

A Bill for further continuing the Act, intituled "*An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*," was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be ingrossed and read a third Time.

A Bill for further continuing the Act, intituled "*An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to Mr Pendleton, Mr Archibald Cary, and Mr William Cabell.

A Petition of the Vestry of Meherrin Parish, in the County of Brunswick, was presented to the House and read, setting forth that the Church and Chapels in the said Parish are situate at a great Distance from the Land set apart for a Glebe; that the Mansion House thereon having been some Years ago destroyed by Fire, the Minister hath been obliged to remove from the Glebe; and since that Accident it hath been found necessary to erect one of the Chapels at a greater Distance; and that if the Glebe Land was sold, the Petitioners would be enabled not only to purchase other Lands but at less Expence than they must otherwise be burthened with, build a Mansion and other Houses for the Benefit of the Minister of the said Parish; and therefore praying that the Petitioners may by an Act of Assembly be empowered to sell the present Glebe, and purchase other Lands in Lieu thereof.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition; and that Mr Thornton and Mr Maclin do prepare and bring in the same.

And then the House adjourned til To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

## Thursday. the 7th of April. 8 Geo. III. 1768.

MR Bland reported from the Committee appointed to examine into the State of the Funds arising from the several Duties and Taxes imposed and appropriated to the Redemption of the Treasury Notes, as also to state an Account of the Money due from the late Treasurer's Estate, and the arrears due from the several Collectors of the Taxes, that they had had the same under their Consideration; and had directed him to report the same to the House; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the same was read and is as followeth, viz:

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<sup>1</sup> Henning, V. p. 526.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII. p. 300.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII. p. 69.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, V. p. 38.





Your *Committee* find that the several Grants made by the General Assembly of this Colony for the Support of the late War, and other necessary Purposes of Government, from the Year 1754 to 1762, inclusive amount to £539, 962. 10.

That of the Treafury Notes emitted, pursuant to the several Acts of Assembly, there had been burnt, prior to the Meeting of this Session, the Sum of £ 369, 542. 13. 11, so that there then remained in Circulation the Sum of £ 170, 419. 16. 1.

It appears to your *Committee*, that the Debt due from the Estate of the late Treafurer, for the several Taxes received by him, including Interest to the tenth of next Month, amounts to £ 109, 335. 9. 2. It likewise appears to them, that the Arrears due from the several Collectors are as follows; that is, from different Sheriffs, for the Land and Poll Tax, and the Tax on wheel Carriages, the Sum of £55, 749. 11. 11, from the Inspectors for the Duty of 2/- per Hoghead on Tobacco, the Sum of £2, 911. 14, and from the County Court Clerks for the Tax on Writs and Ordinary Licences, the Sum of £ 1,490.4.4. Your *Committee* have this Day burnt fundry old Treafury Notes, to the amount of £ 683. 14, and have stated an Account of these several Matters, by which it will appear, that, if the different Sums above mentioned were paid into the Treafury, there would remain due from the Public, exclusive of the Treafurer's Commissions the Sum of £ 294. 2. 8, and no more.

Your *Committee* beg Leave to observe, that in the foregoing Estimate they have not valued the Country upon the additional Duty of Slaves, which was likewise appropriated to the Redemption of the Treafury Notes, as that Article was very inconsiderable the last, and probably will be less in future Years; neither have they taken into the Account such Treafury Notes, as may have been lost and destroyed, which they believe will be found to be very considerable.

Your *Committee*, upon examining the different Balances due from several of the Collectors, are apprehensive that some of them will be lost, but to what Amount they cannot determine, though they are humbly of Opinion, that, if the Duty on Tobacco, the Taxes on Carriages, Writs, and Ordinary Licences, are continued for two Years longer, they will be abundantly sufficient to make good every Deficiency.

It appears to your *Committee*, that, of the Balance formally reported due to the public Account from the late Treafurer, his Administrators have paid the Sum of £4, 987. 4. 4, and that there still remains due to that Fund including Interest to this Time, the Balance of £ 287. 13. 8.

Your *Committee*, in Obedience to the Order of the House, have also examined the Treafurer's Accounts to the first Instant, and having compared them with his Vouchers, find that they are properly and justly stated; that there was then in his Hands the Balance of £671. 8. 7, received for Taxes, of which we have burnt the before mentioned Sum of £638. 14; and there is due to the public Account the Balance of £147. 7. 4; which several Balances the Treafurer produced to us, and they still remain to be accounted at a future Day.

Dr The Colony of Virginia, for Redemption of Treafury Notes Cr

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|                                      | By fundry Notes burnt before the first of April 1767, as by the Committee's Report . . . . | £326, 191. 18. 2 |
| To the several Grants from           | By d <sup>o</sup> that day . . . . .                                                       | 2, 225. 3        |
| 1754, to 1762, inclusive £539,962.10 | By d <sup>o</sup> since . . . . .                                                          | 41, 125. 12. 9   |
|                                      | By Balance now in Circulation . . . . .                                                    | 170, 419. 16. 1  |
|                                      |                                                                                            | <hr/>            |
|                                      |                                                                                            | 539, 962. 10     |
|                                      | By the Late Treafurer's Debt including Interest to May next . .                            | £109, 335. 9. 2  |
|                                      | By                                                                                         |                  |



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|                 | By Arrears due from the<br>several Collectors for<br>Land and Poll Tax,<br>and Tax on Wheel<br>Carriages..... | 55,749. 11. 11 |                  |
|                 | By d <sup>o</sup> due from the In-<br>spectors.....                                                           | 2,911. 14      |                  |
|                 | By d <sup>o</sup> from County Court<br>Clerks.....                                                            | 1,490. 4. 4    |                  |
|                 | April 6, 1768. By Notes<br>burnt by the Com-<br>mittee.. ..                                                   | 638. 14        |                  |
| To Balance..... | £170,419. 16. 1                                                                                               | Balance.....   | 294. 2. 8        |
| To Balance..... | £ 294. 2. 8                                                                                                   |                |                  |
|                 |                                                                                                               |                | £ 170,419. 16. 1 |

The said *Report* being read a second Time, was upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer's Accounts do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do carry them to the Council for their Concurrence.

*Ordered*, That the said Report and the Account thereunto annexed, be referred to the Committee of the whole House for taking into Consideration the President's Speech.

*Ordered*, That the said Report and the Account thereunto annexed be published in the Virginia Gazettes.

Mr *Thornton* presented to the House, according to Order, A Bill to empower the Vestry of the Parish of *Meherrin*, in the County of *Brunswick* to sell their Glebe, and purchase a more convenient one: and the same was received and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

A Message from the President by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

"I am commanded by the President to acquaint this House that his Honor is now ready to receive their Address in the Council Chamber."

Accordingly Mr *Speaker* with the House, went up to attend the President.

And being returned;

Mr *Speaker* reported that the House had attended the President in the Council Chamber, with their Address; to which he was pleased to make the following Answer; viz<sup>t</sup>.

Mr *Speaker* and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeesses,

I Thank you heartily for your kind Congratulations on my Re-accession to the Administration of the Government, on our great loss, not sufficiently to be lamented.

Your dutiful and zealous Behavior, on all former Occasions for the Honor and true Interest of his Majesty, and his People of this Colony (which never can without dire effects, be separated) assures me that the same undivided Interest will now on this Occasion, be the Poll Star to direct in your Deliberations on the weighty Affairs you have now before you.

An ingrossed Bill intituled, An Act to repeal so much of an Act intituled "An Act for appointing several new Ferries," as relates to a Ferry across the Fluvanna River, from and to the lands of William Cabell, Gentleman; was read a third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Pendleton* do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence.

An ingrossed Bill intituled, An Act for altering the Court Day of the County of Goochland, was read a third Time.

*Resolved*





*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Payne* do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, for taking into Consideration the Letter directed to Mr *Speaker* from the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Province of the *Massachusetts Bay*;

The House resolved itself into the said Committee,

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee that they had under their further Consideration the said Letter and the several other Matters referred to them, and gone through the same, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz'*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That an humble and dutiful Petition be presented to our most gracious Sovereign, to assure him of our most cordial and inviolable Attachment to his Sacred Person and Government.

To *Acknowledge*, with the highest Sense of Gratitude, the many great and signal Benefits we have reaped from our parent Kingdom under the glorious and auspicious Reigns of his Majesty and his Predecessors; and with all Humility, to submit to his princely Consideration the tenor of our whole Conduct, and that of our Ancestors, as the most lively Evidence of our Duty and Affection.

To *reiterate* our unfeigned Thanks to his Majesty for his gracious and ready Assent to the Repeal of the late oppressive Stamp Act, but, at the same Time, in the most decent and respectful Manner, to represent to him how very short an Interval of Peace and Happiness we have enjoyed between that happy Event and the enacting several late Acts of the *British* Parliament equally burthensome to his Majesty's Colonies in general, and, as we most humbly conceive, equally derogatory to their just Rights and Privileges.

To *implore* his fatherly Protection of this and all our sister Colonies, whose true and essential Interests will ever incline them not only to wish, but to promote the Prosperity of *Great Britain*, to the utmost of their Abilities.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Memorial be prepared, to be laid before the Right Honorable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of the *British* Parliament, to acknowledge the Justice of Parliament in the Repeal of the late oppressive Stamp Act, formally complained of, as derogatory to the Rights of the People in this and the other Colonies and Provinces in *America*.

To *express* our due Sense of the Happiness and Security we derive from our Connection with and Dependence upon *Great Britain*: The Pleasure we enjoy in a Persuasion that our Endeavors in making such suitable Returns for their Protection, as might render the Connection desirable to both, have not been unsuccessful: And our deep Concern that any Incident should interrupt that Harmony we wish ever to subsist.

To *assert* with descent Firmness, becoming Freemen, but at the same Time with great Deference to the Wisdom of Parliament, the Rights of the Colonists to be bound by such Laws only, respecting their internal Polity or Taxation, as are consented to by Representatives chosen by themselves; And to represent that we cannot but consider several late Acts of the *British* Legislature, imposing Duties and Taxes to be collected in the Colonies, as an Infringement of those Rights.

And to *intreat* their Lordships, the hereditary Guardians of *British* Liberty, to interpose their Power in procuring a Repeal of those Acts, and in preserving to us, his Majesty's distant Subjects, the full Enjoyment of all our natural and constitutional Rights.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that a Remonstrance on the same Subject, and to the like effect, be prepared, to be laid before the Honorable House of Commons.





The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House, *nemine contradicente*.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland*, Mr *Treasurer*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Woodbridge*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Blair*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Page*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Francis Lightfoot Lee*, Mr *Benjamin Harrison*, and Mr *Alexander*, do draw up an humble and dutiful Petition to his Majesty, a Memorial to the Right Honorable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of the *British* Parliament, and a Remonstrance to be laid before the Honorable House of Commons, pursuant to the said *Resolutions*.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the President's Speech.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the President's Speech and the other Papers referred to them, and had come to a Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read, and is as followeth *viz*ʹ.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that so much of the several Acts of Assembly imposing the Land and Poll Tax on the Inhabitants of this Colony, as requires the Taxes to be collected in the present and succeeding Year, be repealed.

The said *Resolution* being read a second Time, was upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, *nemine contradicente*.

*Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the said Resolution: And that Mr *Bland* and Mr *Treasurer* do prepare and bring in the same.

An ingrossed *Bill*, intituled *An Act for further continuing the Act intituled An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*, was read a third Time.

The *Amendment* following was proposed to be made to the Bill, *viz*ʹ. In the last Line to strike out the Words "*from thence to the End of the next Session of Assembly*" and insert the Words "*no longer*," instead thereof.

And the said *Amendment* was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House; and the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence.

*And then the House adjourned til To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.*

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## Friday, the 8th of April, 8 Geo. III. 1768.

MR *Nelson*, from the Committee to whom the Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *John Wormeley* is seized, and to settle other Lands and Slaves in Lieu thereof, is committed, acquainted the House that the Committee had directed him to move the House, that they might be discharged from proceeding upon the said Bill, the said *John Wormeley* not being at this Time prepared to prove the Allegations of the said Bill to be true.

And Mr *Nelson* moved the House accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the Committee, to whom the said Bill is committed, be discharged from proceeding thereupon.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be withdrawn.

And the said *Bill* was withdrawn accordingly.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of *James Cocke* was referred, that they had had the same under their Consideration, and had come to a Resolution





lution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the same was read, and is as followeth *viz*':

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the said *James Cocke* ought to be allowed by the Public, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, for the Use of the House in the said Petition mentioned.

The said *Resolution* being read a second Time, and the Question put that the House agree thereto,

It passed in the Negative.

Mr *Treasurer* presented to the House according to Order A Bill to repeal so much of the several Acts of Assembly therein mentioned, as impose a Land and Poll Tax on the Inhabitants of this Colony, for the Years One Thousand Seven Hundred and sixty-eight, and One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-nine, and the same was received and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

A *Petition of Halbert M<sup>c</sup>Clure* was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That in *October*, in the Year 1759, the Petitioner being under the Command of Captain *James M<sup>c</sup>Dowell*, in Pursuit of the *Indians* who murdered the Inhabitants of *Carr's Creek*; and after a long and fatiguing March, coming up with them in the Night, and an Accident happening which obliged the Party to fire upon the Enemy, and the Darkness of the Night occasioning great Confusion among them; the Rear taking the Front for the *Indians*, fired upon them, and unluckily shot the Petitioner through the Ankle; and it being 150 Miles from the Inhabitants, he suffered very much before a Surgeon could be had; and the Surgeon he was attended by being unskilful was of no Service to the Petitioner; but Mr *Cabell*, to whom he afterwards applied, cured the wound, for which the House of Burgesses made him Satisfaction: And further setting forth, That the first Surgeon hath obtained a Judgment against the Petitioner, and Execution was there upon issued for a considerable Sum, by which he and his Family, consisting of a Wife and six small Children, will be ruined without the Assistance of the Legislature, as the Petitioner is so disabled that he is incapable of following his usual Labour, without Hazard of losing his Limb: And therefore humbly praying the House to allow him some annual Support, as he has been brought under these unhappy Circumstances in the Service and for the Defence of his Country.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And it is referred to Mr *Wilson*, Mr *Bowler Cocke*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Tabb*, and Mr *Thomas Walker*.

A *Petition of Edward Westmore* Keeper of the public Gaol was presented to the House and read, setting forth that the Garden of the public Gaol, whereof he is keeper, is in a ruinous Condition and praying that the same may be repaired to the End that he may be able to make a more comfortable Provision for the poor Prisoners.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And it is referred to Mr *Blair*, Mr *Braxton*, Mr *Francis Lightfoot Lee*, Mr *Randolph*, and Mr *Eyre*.

And then the House adjourned til To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

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Saturday. the 9th of April. 8 Geo. III. 1768.

**O**RDERED, That this House be called over upon Monday next.

A Bill to repeal so much of the several Acts of Assembly therein mentioned as impose a Land and Poll Tax on the Inhabitants of this Colony for the Years One Thousand seven hundred and sixty eight, and One Thousand seven hundred and sixty nine, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*



*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be Committed to a Committee of the whole House.

*Resolved*, That this House will immediately Resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill.

Then the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee that they had directed him to report the Bill to the House without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be ingrossed, and read a third Time.

Mr *Pendleton* presented to the House according to Order, A Bill to amend an Act declaring the Law concerning Executions and for the Relief of insolvent Debtors and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr *Pendleton* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for further continuing the Act intituled *An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other purposes therein mentioned*, was committed that the Committee had gone through the Bill and made several Amendments thereto; which they had directed him to report to the House: And he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: where the Amendments were once read throughout; and then a second Time, one by one; and upon the Question severally put thereupon, were agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed and read a third Time.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for paying the Burgeffes Wages in Money for this present Session of Assembly: And that Mr *Henry Lee*, and Mr *Bowler Cocke*, do prepare and bring in the same.

A Bill to amend an Act declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for the Relief of insolvent Debtors, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Henry Lee*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Blair*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *John Lee*, and Mr *Edmunds*.

And then the House adjourned til Monday Morning 11 o'Clock.

## Monday, the 11th of April, 8 Geo. III. 1768.

A Member returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated and Subscribed the Test, took his Place in the House.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands called *Doyley's* whereof *James Roscow* is seized and for settling Slaves to be purchased in Lieu thereof, to change the same into a Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands called *Derby's* whereof the said *James Roscow* is seized; it appearing the Word "*Doyley's*" was through mistake inferted in his Petition instead of "*Derby's*."

A Message from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*,

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Treasurer's Accounts. And also

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*The Council have agreed to the Bill intituled An Act<sup>1</sup> for further continuing the Act intituled An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, " Alfo*

*To the Bill intituled An Act<sup>2</sup> to repeal so much of an Act intituled An Act for appointing several new Ferries as relates to a Ferry across the Fluvanna River from and to the Lands of William Cabell, Gentleman, Alfo*

*To the Bill intituled An Act<sup>3</sup> for altering the Court Day of the County of Goochland. And also*

*To the Resolve for paying the Printer his salary.*

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr Bland reported from the Committee appointed on *Thursday* last to draw up a Petition to his Majesty, a Memorial to the House of Lords, and a Remonstrance to the House of Commons, that the Committee had drawn up a Petition, a Memorial and a Remonstrance accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read.

*Resolved*, That the Petition, Memorial and Remonstrance be committed.

*Resolved*, That the Petition, Memorial and Remonstrance be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

*Resolved*, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Petition, Memorial and Remonstrance.

Then the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr Speaker left the Chair.

Mr Bland took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr Bland reported from the Committee that they had made some Progress in the several Matters referred to them; and that he was directed by the Committee to move that they may have Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will To-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the said Petition Memorial and Remonstrance.

An ingrossed Bill intituled "*An Act<sup>4</sup> to repeal so much of the several Acts of Assembly therein mentioned as imposed a Land and Poll Tax on the Inhabitants of this Colony for the Years One Thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight and One Thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine*;" was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr Bland do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence.

Mr William Digges presented to the House according to Order A Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof James Roscow is seized and for settling Slaves to be purchased in Lieu thereof; And the same was received and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

The House was moved that the Memorial of the Administrators with the Will annexed, of the Estate of John Robinson, Esq<sup>r</sup> which was laid before the House last Session might be read;

And the same being read accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Memorial be referred to the Consideration of a Committee.

*Ordered*, That the said Memorial be referred to the Consideration of a Committee of the whole House.

*Resolved*, That this House will To-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Memorial.

An ingrossed Bill intituled "*An Act<sup>5</sup> for further continuing and amending the Act intituled*

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 298.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 300.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 300.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 295.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 299.



*intituled An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purposes therein mentioned* was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr Archibald Cary do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence.

A Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *James Roscow* is seized and for settling Slaves to be purchased in Lieu thereof was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to the Members for *Warwick, York, and James City* and to Mr *Wilson Miles Cary*.

The Order of the Day being read;

*Ordered*, That the Call of the House be adjourned til To-morrow.

Mr *Henry Lee* presented to the House, according to Order, A Bill for paying the Burgeffes Wages in Money for this present Session of Assembly; And the same was received and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

*And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.*

## Tuesday, the 12th of April, 8 Geo. III. 1768.

MR *William Digges* reported from the Committee to whom the Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *James Roscow* is seized, and for settling Slaves to be purchased in Lieu thereof, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the House, without any Amendment, And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be ingrossed, and read a third Time.

A *Petition of Benjamin Foreman* was presented to the House and read, praying that an Act may pass to establish a Ferry over the River *Potowmack* from the Petitioner's Land, in the County of *Frederick*, to the Land of Lord *Baltimore* in the Province of *Maryland*. *Also*

A *Petition of Benjamin Grub* of the Town of *Winchester* was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that in the Spring of the Year One Thousand seven hundred and fifty-five, the Petitioner's House in the said Town was by Order of Col<sup>o</sup> *Stephen*, Commanding Officer of the *Virginia* Troops then stationed there, taken and converted into an Hospital for the use of the Soldiers, who kept Possession thereof, for that Purpose, about eight Months, and during that Time destroyed the Paling of the Lot on which the House stood intirely, and the Plaistering of the House, ripped off the Weather boards of the dwelling House and Stable, and did the Petitioner other considerable Damage, valued by Workmen to above Forty Pounds, for which Sir *John St. Clair*, to whom the Petitioner delivered the Estimate, promised to procure an allowance. But the Petitioner had never heard any thing more of it, nor received any Satisfaction for the Use of his House, or the Injury done him by the Soldiers: And praying the House to take the Matter under Consideration, and make the Petitioner suitable Amends.

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions be referred to the Consideration of the next Session of Assembly.

A Bill for paying the Burgeffes Wages in Money for this present Session of Assembly was read the second Time.

The Amendment following was proposed to be made to the Title of the Bill; *viz*!

After the Word "*for*" to insert "*the Ease of the People by,*" And the said Amendment was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House; and the Title of the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

*Ordered*







*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingrossed, and read a third Time.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That all such Claims and other Matters as were referred from the last to this Session of Assembly, and *also* all such as are certified to this Session of Assembly, be referred to the Consideration of the next Session of Assembly.

The *Order* of the Day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the Petition to his Majesty the Memorial to the House of Lords, and the Remonstrance to the House of Commons being read;

*Resolved*, That this House will To-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Petition Memorial and Remonstrance.

The *Order* of the Day, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider of the Memorial of the Administrators, with the Will annexed, of *John Robinson, Esq<sup>r</sup>* being read;

The House was moved that a Copy of the Judgment of our Lord the King against the Honorable *Peter Randolph, Esq<sup>r</sup>*, *Edmund Pendleton* and *Peter Lyons*, Administrators &c. of *John Robinson, Esq<sup>r</sup>*; deceased, given by the General Court the sixth Day of *May* One Thousand seven hundred and sixty seven, which was presented to the House this Day might be read.

And the same being read accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Copy of the Judgment aforesaid be referred to the said Committee.

Then the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

*Mr Speaker* left the Chair.

*Mr Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

*Mr Speaker* resumed the Chair.

*Mr Bland* reported from the Committee that they had come to several Resolutions which they had directed him to report to the House: And he read the Resolutions in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table; where the same were read, and are as followeth *viz<sup>t</sup>*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that there is not a sufficient Security for sinking the Paper Bills of Credit now in Circulation, at the Time fixt by Law for their Redemption.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that for better securing the Redemption of the Paper Money the most effectual Methods ought to be taken against the Estate of *John Robinson, Esq<sup>r</sup>*; the late Treasurer, for enforcing the Payment of all the Money due from the said *John Robinson* to this Colony, together with Interest for the same from the tenth Day of *May* next.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that Commissioners be appointed and empowered to sell so much of the Estate of the said *John Robinson, Esq<sup>r</sup>*, as shall be sufficient to Discharge the Debt due from him to this Colony together with Interest for the same from the said tenth Day of *May* next.

The *first* Resolution of the Committee being read a second Time and the Question put that the House agree thereto.

It passed in the Negative.

The *second* and *third* Resolutions of the Committee being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in, pursuant to the said Resolutions, as agreed to by the House; and that *Mr Bland*, *Mr Thompson Mason*, *Mr Mercer*, *Mr Treasurer*, *Mr Benjamin Harrison*, *Mr Archibald Cary*, *Mr Pendleton*, and *Mr Blair*, do prepare and bring in the same.

The other *Order* of the Day being read.

*Ordered*, That the Call of the House be further adjourned till To-morrow.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Wednesday



Wednesday, the 13th of April, 8 Geo. III. 1768.

**A** Message from the Council by Mr Walthoe.

Mr Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill intituled *An Act to repeal so much of the several Acts of Assembly therein mentioned as impose a Land and Poll Tax on the Inhabitants of this Colony for the Years One Thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight and One Thousand seven hundred and Sixty-nine.*

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine the inrolled Bills.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr Dudley Digges, Mr Nelson, Mr Francis Lightfoot Lee, Mr William Digges, Mr Burwell, Mr Wilton Miles Cary, and Mr Randolph.

Mr Pendleton reported from the Committee to whom the Bill "*to amend an Act declaring the Law concerning Executions and for the Relief of insolvent Debtors*" was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table: where the Amendment was once read, and then being read a second Time, was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingrossed and read a third Time.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the Petition to his Majesty, the Memorial to the House of Lords, and the Remonstrance to the House of Commons, being read;

The House resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr Speaker left the Chair.

Mr Bland took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr Bland reported from the Committee that they had made some further Progress in the several Matters referred to them, and that he was directed by the Committee to move that they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will To-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the said Petition, Memorial, and Remonstrance.

The other Order of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the House be further adjourned til To-morrow.

And then the House adjourned til To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Thursday, the 14th of April, 8 Geo. III. 1768.

**A**N ingrossed Bill, intituled *An Act to amend an Act declaring the Law concerning Executions and for the Relief of insolvent Debtors*; was read the third Time.

And the Question being put that the Bill do pass,

It passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That the Bill be rejected.

An ingrossed Bill, intituled *An Act for the Ease of the People by paying the Burgeses Wages in Money for this present Session of Assembly*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr Henry Lee do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

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• Hening, VIII, p. 295.

• Not recorded as a law.

• Hening, VIII, p. 303.







An ingrossed Bill intituled *An Act to dock the Irtail of certain Lands whereof James Roscow is seized, and for settling Slaves to be purchased in Lieu thereof*, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr William Digges do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the Petition to his Majesty, the Memorial to the House of Lords, and the Remonstrance to the House of Commons being read;

The House resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr Speaker left the Chair.

Mr Bland took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr Bland reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Petition, Memorial, and Remonstrance, and made several Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the House; And he read the Report in his Place; and delivered the Petition, Memorial and Remonstrance, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout; and then a second Time one by one; and upon the Question severally put thereupon, were agreed to by the House; Which Petition, Memorial and Remonstrance so amended are in the Words following, *viz*!

#### TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

*Most gracious Sovereign,*

*Your Majesty's most loyal and dutiful Subjects the Council and the Burgeesses of Virginia now met in General Assembly, not discouraged by a too well grounded apprehension that their Conduct has been unfavorably represented to your Royal ear, but relying with the most implicit confidence on your Majesty's known Justice and most gracious Disposition toward all your loving Subjects, how far soever removed, humbly beg Leave to approach your Royal presence with the warmest assurances of their most cordial and inviolable attachment to your sacred Person and Government.*

*They do, with the highest sense of Gratitude, acknowledge the many great and signal Benefits they have reaped from their parent Kingdom, under the glorious and auspicious Reigns of your Majesty and your royal Ancestors, and with all Humility, submit to your princely Consideration the Tenor of their whole Conduct and that of their Forefathers, as the most lively Evidence of their Duty and Affection.*

*They humbly embrace this occasion to reiterate their unfeigned thanks to your Majesty for your gracious and ready assent to the Repeal of the late oppressive Stamp Act, but, at the same time, they cannot sufficiently lament the shortness of that interval of happiness they have enjoyed between so agreeable and pleasing an Event, and the Enacting several late acts of the British Parliament, equally burthensome to your Majesty's Colonies in general, and, as they most humbly conceive, equally derogatory to those Constitutional Privileges and immunities, which they, the Heirs and Descendants of free born Britons, have ever esteemed their unquestionable and invaluable birth Rights.*

*They therefore prostrating themselves at the foot of your Throne most humbly implore your Fatherly goodness and Protection of this and all their sister Colonies in the Enjoyment of their antient and inestimable right of being Governed by such Laws only, respecting their internal Polity and Taxation as are derived from their own Consent with the approbation of their Sovereign; a Right, which, as freemen founding their Claim upon the vital Principles of the British Constitution, they have exercised without interruption, and which, as they humbly conceive, has been frequently recognized and confirmed to them. And they do assure your Majesty with that Truth and Sincerity, which duty, gratitude and affection to the best of Kings ought ever to inspire, that they will at all times exert their best Endeavours, even at the expence of their Lives and Fortunes, to promote the Glory of your Majesty's Reign and the Prosperity of Great Britain upon which they are convinced that their own Security and Happiness does essentially depend.*

*That*





*That your Majesty may long and gloriously Reign in the hearts of a free and happy People is the most ardent Prayer of your Majesty's most faithful and dutiful Subjects.*

*The Council and the Burgesses and Representatives  
of the People of Virginia.*

*TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE LORDS SPIRITUAL AND  
TEMPORAL IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.*

*The Memorial of his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Council and the Burgeffes and Representatives of the People of Virginia now met in General Assembly.  
Humbly represents,*

*That your Memorialists are so truly sensible of the happiness and Security they derive from their connexions with and dependance upon Great Britain, the Parent Kingdom of this and all his Majesty's other Colonies in America, that they cannot but be impressed with the deepest concern that any unlucky Incidents should ever have interrupted that Salutory and pleasing harmony which they wish ever to Subsist. They acknowledge the Wisdom and Justice of Parliament in repealing the late oppressive Stamp Act though they must consider several recent Acts of the British legislature as equally subversive of those constitutional Principles of Liberty and Freedom, which they and their Ancestors have ever esteemed their indisputable Birth Rights, as the immediate heirs and descendants of freeborn Britons.*

*Your Memorialists cannot sufficiently lament that the Remoteness of their Situation from the seat of his Majesty's Empire too often exposes them to such misrepresentations as are apt to involve them in censures of Disloyalty to their most gracious Sovereign and the want of a proper respect and deference to the British Parliament, whereas they have ever indulged themselves in the agreeable persuasion that they had entitled themselves to be considered as inferior to none of their fellow Subjects in any part of his Majesty's Dominions, for duty or affection. They therefore humbly hope, that an application to your Lordships the fixed and hereditary guardians of British Liberty upon so important an occasion will not be thought improper, but that the Grievances of a whole People will be regarded as Objects worthy your most serious Attention.*

*They presume not to claim any other than the natural Rights of British Subjects; the fundamental and vital Principles of their happy Government, so universally admired, is known to consist in this: that no Power on Earth has a Right to impose Taxes upon the People or to take the smallest Portion of their Property without their Consent, given by their Representatives in Parliament; this has ever been esteemed the chief pillar of their Constitution, the very Palladium of their Liberties. If this Principle is suffered to decay, the Constitution must expire with it, as no Man can enjoy even the shadow of Freedom; if his property, acquired by his own Industry and the sweat of his brow, may be wrested from him at the Will of another without his own Consent.*

*This Truth is so well established that it is unnecessary to attempt a Demonstration of it to Englishmen, who feel the Principle firmly implanted in them diffusing through their whole frame Complacency and Cheerfulness.*

*In this happy Situation lived the Ancestors of your Memorialists when they first undertook, with the Approbation of their Sovereigns, but at the expence of their Blood and their own Treasure, to explore and settle these new Regions. The natural and constitutional Rights and Privileges which they had enjoyed in their native Country, your Memorialists humbly conceive could not be lost or forfeited by their migration to America, but were brought over by them entire and transmitted to their Descendants inviolate.*

*Let not your Memorialists, my Lords, be misunderstood; they affect not, they do not wish an independency of their parent Kingdom, but rejoice in their reciprocal connexions, which they know are essential to the happiness of both. They have been Cherished, they have been Protected by their mother Country and acknowledge themselves bound by every tie of Gratitude and Affection to embrace all opportunities of promoting the Prosperity of Great Britain to the utmost of their Abilities. They cheerfully acquiesce in the authority of Parliament to make Laws for preserving this necessary dependance, yet they cannot conceive and humbly insist that it is not essential to this Purpose or to support a proper relation between a Mother Country and Colonies transplanted from her, that she should have a Right to raise money upon them without their Consent.*





The Trade of the Colonies almost as soon as it became an Object worthy the national Attention was laid under such Restrictions as were thought necessary to secure their Dependance and promote the Interest of the whole extended Empire. The natural Rights and first Principles of the English constitution were very early engrafted into the Constitutions of the Colonies; hence a legislative Authority, ever essential in all free States, was derived and assimilated as nearly as might be to that in England; the Crown reserving to itself the executive Authority of Government, and the Power of assenting and dissenting to all Laws; but the Privilege of choosing their own Representatives was continued in the People, and confirmed to them by repeated and express Stipulations. The constitution and Government of this Colony being thus fixed and established, your Memorialists and their Ancestors enjoyed the Fruits of their own Labour, with a Security which Liberty only can impart. Upon pressing and emergent Occasions, not within their own Powers of Redress, they frequently applied to their King and common Father, and repeatedly they own it with Gratitude have received seasonable Reliefs from their Mother Country; on the other hand when his Majesty has had occasion for the assistance of his dutiful Subjects in America, Requisitions have been constantly made from the Crown, by the King's Governors to the Representatives of the People, who have complied with them to the utmost extent of their Abilities. The ample and adequate Provision made by the Assemblies of this Colony in the Reign of King Charles the Second and upon his Requisition for the support of the civil Government by an Impost of two Shillings Sterling per Hogshead upon all our Tobacco exported; one shilling and three pence per Tonn upon Ships and Vessels; and sixpence per Poll upon all Persons imported except Mariners; the many and large Supplies voted during the Course of the last War, upon Requisitions from his Majesty and his Royal Grandfather, afford both early and recent Instances of the disposition of the Assemblies of this Colony to do every thing that could reasonably be asked or expected from them, and are at the same time incontestable proofs that the Parliament of Great Britain never, till very lately, assumed a Power of imposing Taxes on the People of the Colonies for the purposes of raising a Revenue or supporting the contingences of Government.

To say that the Parliament of Great Britain has a constitutional Authority and Right to impose internal Taxes on the Inhabitants of this Continent, who are not and, from the nature of their situation, cannot be Represented in the house of Commons, is in a Word, as your Memorialists most humbly conceive, to command them to bid Adieu to their natural and civil Liberties and prepare for a state of Slavery. The Commons of Great Britain can impose no Tax on the People there without burthening themselves in some Proportion; if their Taxes should be disagreeable and grievous to their Constituents, the Constitution has not left the People without a Remedy. But what, my Lords, must be the Situation of the Colonists, if an Authority and Right to Tax them should be established in the British Parliament? Unrepresented as they are and for ever must be their Grievances cannot be fairly and properly explained; they have it not in their Power, if they are to be Taxed, to point out the Mode least burthensome to themselves; the Parliament bears no Share of the Taxes imposed on the Colonies, and their doom will generally be determined before they receive the least intelligence that a Subject had been agitated in Parliament, whereby they or their Interests might be affected. The notion of a virtual Representation has been so often and clearly refuted, that your Memorialists decline troubling your Lordships with any Observations on that Head.

The Stamp Act, so often and justly complained of confessedly imposed internal Taxes on the Colonies and several late Acts of Parliament plainly, as your Memorialists conceive, tend to the same point. That the Parliament may make Laws for regulating the Trade of the Colonies has been granted; sometimes Duties have been imposed to restrain the Commerce of one part of the Empire, that was likely to prove injurious to another, and by this means the general Welfare of the whole may have been Promoted. But a Tax imposed upon such of the British Exports, as are necessities of Life, to be paid by the Colonists upon Importation, and this not with the most distant view to the Interests of Commerce, but merely to raise a Revenue, or in plainer Words to compel the Colonists to part with their Money against their inclinations, your Memorialists conceive to be a Tax internal to all Intents and Purposes.





Of this sort your Memorialists cannot but consider the late Acts of Parliament granting certain Duties in the British Colonies and Plantations in America; the Preamble of the Act plainly speaks the Design of it; and can it, my Lords, be thought just or reasonable that the Colonists, restricted as they are in their Trade of every kind, should be compelled to pay Duties on the Articles enumerated in this Act? They have long been restrained from purchasing many of the necessaries of Life at any other than the British Market, they are confined in their Exports also, and now are told that they shall not have such necessaries without paying a Duty for them. The Stamp Act imposed a Duty upon certain Instruments of Writing, and by the late Act the Colonies are to be compelled to pay a Duty upon every slip of Paper they use in the most ordinary Occurrences of Life.

The purposes of Government, which are said to be the chief Objects of this Act, your Memorialists have shewn were long since Provided for in this Colony; this is again remarked, not that your Memorialists would claim any particular exclusive Merit from it, but to shew how easily our internal Concerns may be mistaken at the distance of three thousand Miles; for had this been attended to, your Memorialists are unwilling to suppose that the Parliament would have imposed Taxes on a Colony, for purposes amply provided for in that Colony. The manner also in which this Act is to be Executed, your Memorialists are apprehensive may in time prove Destructive to the Liberties of the People.

The Act suspending the legislative Power of the Province of New York, your Memorialists cannot but consider as still more alarming to the Colonies in General, though it has that single Province in view as its immediate Object. If the Parliament has a right to compel the Colonies to furnish a single Article for the Troops sent over to America by the same Rule they may oblige them to furnish Cloaths, Arms and every other Thing; even the pay of the Officers and Soldiers: a Doctrine replete with every kind of Mischief and utterly subversive of every Thing dear and valuable to us. For what advantage could the People of the Colonies derive from their Right of Choosing their own Representatives, if those Representatives when chosen, not permitted to Exercise their own Judgments, were under a necessity, (on pain of being deprived of their legislative Authority) of enforcing the Mandates of a British Parliament, though ever so injurious to the Interests of the Colony they Represented. Your Memorialists could enlarge upon this disagreeable Subject, but fear they have already Trespasped too far upon your Lordships Time and Patience. They have communicated to your Lordships, and it is hoped with the greatest Decency and Respect, the Sentiments of a free and loyal People. It only remains for them to beseech your Lordships with that earnestness which the Importance of the Subject inspires, to use your Parliamentary Power and influence in procuring a Repeal of the above recited Acts of Parliament and in securing to us, his Majesty's most dutiful though distant Subjects, the full enjoyment of all our natural and constitutional Rights and Privileges.

#### TO THE HONORABLE THE KNIGHTS CITIZENS AND BURGESSES OF GREAT BRITAIN IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

The Council and the House of Burgeffes, the sole constitutional Representatives of his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the People of Virginia now met in General Assembly, having taken into their most serious Consideration the State of this Colony, with due Deference and Respect to the Wisdom of the Representatives of the Commons of Great Britian, remonstrate as follows.

It is with equal Grief and Amazement that the Remonstrants have learnt that they have been represented in Great Britian as disloyal to their most gracious Sovereign and disaffected to his Government, since by their whole Conduct they have endeavoured to approve themselves second to none of their fellow Subjects, in any part of his Majesty's Dominions, for Duty and Affection.

They are truly sensible of the Happiness and Security they derive from their Connexions with and dependance upon Great Britain their Parent Kingdom; and as they have at all times exerted their best Endeavours to make such suitable returns on their Parts as might render the continuance of those Connexions permanent and equally Desirable to both, they cannot but feel the deepest Concern that any Incidents should have interrupted that pleasing Harmony, which they wish ever to Subfist.





As Members of the British Empire, they presume not to claim any other than the common unquestionable Rights of British Subjects, who, by a fundamental and vital Principle of their Constitution cannot be subjected to any kind of Taxation or have the smallest Portion of their Property taken from them by any Power on Earth without their Consent given by their Representatives in Parliament; this Pillor of their Constitution the very Palladium of their Liberties, hath been so zealously preserved by the House of Commons of Great Britain, that they have never suffered any other branch of their Legislature to make the smallest amendment or alteration in any of their Supply Bills, lest it should be drawn into Precedent and considered as a Cession of so dear and essential a Right and Privilege.

If this Principle is ever suffered to decay, the Constitution must pine away and Expire with it, as no Man can enjoy even the Shadow of Liberty or Freedom, if his Property, acquired by his own Labour and Industry, can be wrested from him at the Will of another. To attempt demonstrating this to an Englishman must surely be unnecessary: he feels the Principle within him, and it diffuses through his whole Frame that complacency and Chearfulness without which he could not live at Ease.

Our Ancestors, who, at the expence of their Blood and Treasure, first explored and settled these new Regions, being entitled to these natural and constitutional Rights, could not forfeit or lose them by their Migration to America, not as Vagabonds and Fugitives, but with the Licence and under the Encouragement of their Sovereigns, being animated with the laudable desire of enlarging the English Dominion and extending its Commerce; but on the contrary they brought these their common Birth Rights over with them entire and transmitted them inviolate to us their Posterity.

Let not the Remonstrants be misunderstood, as affecting or wishing an Independency of Great Britain; they rather rejoice in that constitutional Connexion, which they know is essential to the Happiness of both; they have been Cherished, they have been kindly Protected by her, and cannot indulge themselves with the Persuasion that the Benefits which have been redounded and which daily Accrue to their Mother Country from her Trade with the Colonies have hitherto proved and still continue an Adequate and Ample recompence for such Protection.

They have acquiesced in the Authority of Parliament to make Laws for preserving a necessary Dependence, yet they cannot think it essential to this Purpose, or to preserve a proper relation between a Parent Kingdom and Colonies transplanted from her, that she should raise Money upon them without their Consent. The Trade of the Colonies, almost as soon as it became an Object, worthy the national Attention, was laid under such Restrictions as were thought necessary to secure their Dependance and promote the Interests of the whole extended Empire. The natural Rights and first Principles of the English Constitution were very early engrafted into the Constitutions of the Colonies; hence a Legislative Authority, which has always been thought essential in every free State, was derived and assimilated, as nearly as might be, to that established in England; The Crown reserving to itself the executive Authority of Government and the Power of assenting and dissenting to all Laws; but the Privilege of choosing their own Representatives was continued in the People, and confirmed to them by repeated and express Stipulations. The Constitution and Government of this Colony being thus Established and fixed, the Remonstrants and their Ancestors enjoyed the perfect sweets of Liberty and Freedom. Upon pressing and Emergent occasions, not within their own Powers of Redress, they have frequently applied to their King and common Father, and often, they own it with Gratitude, have received seasonable Reliefs from their Mother Country; on the other Hand when his Majesty has had Occasion for the assistance of his dutiful Subjects in America, Requisitions have been constantly made from the Crown by the King's Governors, to the Representatives of the People, who have complied with them to the utmost of their Abilities. The ample and adequate Provision made by the Assembly of this Colony so long ago as the Reign of King Charles the Second, and upon his Requisition, for support of the civil Government by an Impost of two Shillings Sterling per Hogshead on all Tobacco exported, one Shilling and three pence Tonnage upon all Ships and Vessels, and sixpence per Poll on all Persons imported, except Mariners, with the many and large Supplies, exceeding half a Million, voted during the Course of the last War

upon





upon Requisitions made to the Assembly of this Colony by his Majesty and his royal Grandfather afford both early and recent Instances of the disposition of the Assemblies of this Colony to do every Thing that could reasonably be desired or expected of them, and at the same time are incontestable Proofs that the Commons of Great Britain never, till very lately, assumed a Power of imposing Taxes on the People of the Colonies for the purposes of raising a Revenue or supporting the contingences of Government. To say that the Commons of Great Britain have a Constitutional Right and Authority to give and Grant at their Pleasure the Properties of the People in the Colonies or to impose an internal Tax of any kind upon them, who are not and cannot, from the nature of their Situation, be represented in their House of Commons is in a Word to command them to bid Adieu to their natural and civil Liberties and to prepare for a State of the most abject Slavery.

The Commons of Great Britain can impose no Taxes on the People there without burthening themselves in some Proportion; if the Taxes they impose should be thought grievous or unnecessary the Constitution hath not left the People without a proper Remedy. But what must be the Situation of the Colonists, if the late and new broached Doctrine should prevail? Unrepresented as they are and forever must be, they can have no Opportunity of explaining their just Grievances, and, if they are to be Taxed, of pointing out the least inconvenient and burthensome Mode of doing it; in short their doom will generally be pronounced, before they can receive the least Intelligence that a Subject, whereby they or their Interests might be affected, hath been agitated in Parliament.

The notion of a virtual Representation hath been so often and fully refuted, that it surely is unnecessary to multiply Words on that Head: if the Property, the Liberties, the Lives of Millions of his Majesty's most dutiful Subjects are merely ideal, how deplorable must be their Condition.

The late oppressive Stamp Act, so often and justly complained of, in repealing which your Remonstrants have repeatedly acknowledged the Wisdom and Justice of Parliament, did confessedly impose a Tax on the Colonists merely internal; and the Remonstrants cannot but consider several late Acts of the British Parliament as tending directly to the same Point. That the Parliament may make Laws for regulating the Trade of the Colonies has been granted; sometimes Duties have been properly enough imposed to restrain the Commerce of one part of the Empire that might prove Injurious to another, and by this means the general Welfare of the whole may have been Promoted; but a Tax imposed upon the real necessities of Life for the sole Purpose of raising a Revenue, or, in other Words, to compel the Inhabitants of the Colonies to pay large Sums of Money, whether they will or not, and this not with a view to the general Interests of Commerce, the Remonstrants must ever think mere internal Tax to all Intents and Purposes. Of this sort they cannot but consider a late Act of Parliament "Giving and Granting certain duties in the British Colonies and Plantations in America;" the Preamble plainly speaks the Design of the Act; and can it be thought just or reasonable that the Colonists restricted as they are in every Branch of their Trade should be obliged to pay Duties on the Articles enumerated in this Act? They are, in the first Place, by former Laws prohibited from purchasing these necessities of Life at any other than the British Market, they are confined in their Exports also; by this they are to be compelled to pay severe Duties on such necessities. By the Stamp Act they were forbid, under grievous Penalties, transacting all sorts of important Business except upon Stamp Paper, by this Act they are inhibited the use of Paper in the most common and ordinary Occurrences, unless they will first submit to pay a Duty for it. The purposes of Government which are said to be the chief Objects of this Act the Remonstrants have shewn were long since provided for by an ample and perpetual Act of Assembly; this is again remarked, not because the Remonstrants would elaim any partiicular exclusive Merit from it, but to shew how easily their internal concerns may be mistaken at the distance of Three Thousand Miles, they being unwilling to believe that, had this Circumstance been attended to, the Parliament would have imposed Taxes on this Colony for purposes already provided for. The manner in which this Act is to be Executed, the Remonstrants cannot but consider as extremely dangerous to the Liberties of the People.

The Act suspending the legislative Power of the Province of New York the Remonstrants  
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consider as still more alarming to the Colonies in General, though it has that single Province in view as its immediate Object. If the Parliament has a Right to compel the Colonists to furnish a single Article for the Troops sent over to America, by the same Rule of Right they may compel them to furnish Cloaths, Arms and every other necessary, even the pay of the Officers and Soldiers; a Doctrine replete with every kind of Mischief and utterly subversive of all that is dear and valuable to them. For what advantage could the People of the Colonies derive from their Right of choosing their own Representatives, if those Representatives when chosen, not permitted to exercise their own judgments, were under a Necessity (on pain of being deprived of their legislative Authority) of enforcing the Mandates of a British Parliament. Thus have the Remonstrants expressed, and, they trust, with decent firmness the Sentiments of a Free and loyal People, it is hoped that the Honorable House of Commons will no longer prosecute Measures, which they who are designed to suffer under them must ever consider as much fitter for Exiles, driven from their native Country after having ignominiously forfeited her favours and Protection than for the Posterity of Britons who have been at all Times anxious and Solicitous to demonstrate their respect and affection for their Mother Kingdom by embracing every occasion to promote her Prosperity and Glory; But that British Patriots will never consent to the Exercise of anticonstitutional Powers, which, even in these remote corners, may in Time prove dangerous in their Example to the interior parts of the British Empire. Should the Remonstrants be disappointed in these hopes the necessary result will be that the Colonists, reduced to extreme Poverty, will be compelled to contract themselves within their little Spheres and obliged to content themselves with their homespun Manufactures.

*Resolved*, nemine contradicente, that this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Petition, Memorial, and Remonstrance, so amended.

*Resolved*, That the Concurrence of the Council be desired to the said Petition Memorial and Remonstrance.

*Ordered*, That a Conference be desired with the Council upon Matters of the highest Importance to the safety and well being of this Colony.

*Ordered*, That Mr Bland do go to the Council, and desire the said Conference.

Mr Blair reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of Edward Westmore was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the said Petition, and had directed him to report the same as it appeared to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House: And he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the same was read, and is as followeth viz<sup>t</sup>.

Your Committee having repaired to the public Prison and inspected the Garden Pales, it appeared that the said Pales were in bad Order; that the whole seemed to be old, and some Parts so very ruinous as not to answer the purpose of a present Inclosure. Whereupon your Committee came to the following Resolution.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the said Petition is reasonable.

The said *Resolution* being read a second Time, was upon the Question put thereupon agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That Benjamin Waller, Gentleman be desired to treat and agree with a Workman for the repairing of the Garden belonging to the public Gaol.

Mr Bland presented to the House, according to Order, A Bill for the better securing the Payment of the Debt due to the Country from the Estate of John Robinson, Esq<sup>r</sup> late Treasurer of this Colony; And the same was received and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

The House was called over; and the Names of such Members as made Default to appear were taken down.

Then the Names of such Members as made Default to appear were again called over and they were excused.

*Ordered*, That this House be called over To-morrow.

And then the House adjourned til To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Friday



Friday, the 15th of April, 8 Geo. III. 1768.

**A** Member returned upon a new Writ having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated and subscribed the Test, took his Place in the House.

A *Bill* for the better securing the Payment of the Debt due to the Country from the Estate of *John Robinson*, Esq<sup>r</sup> late Treasurer of the Colony; was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the *Bill* be committed.

*Resolved*, That the *Bill* be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

*Resolved*, That the House will this Day resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said *Bill*.

A *Message* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*:

Mr *Speaker*,

*The Council have agreed to the Bill intituled An Act to Dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof James Roscow is seized and for settling Slaves to be purchased in Lieu thereof.*

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr *Bland* reported to the House that he had been to desire a Conference with the Council.

A *Message* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*:

Mr *Speaker*,

*The Council agree to the Conference desired by the House, and appoint the same in the Conference Chamber.*

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to manage the said Conference.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Bland*, Mr *Treasurer*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Benjamin Harrison*, Mr *Pendleton*, and Mr *Thomson Mason*.

*Ordered*, That the Petition to his most excellent Majesty, the Memorial to the Right Honorable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, and the Remonstrance to the Honorable the Knights Citizens and Burgesses of *Great Britian* in Parliament assembled, which were Yesterday agreed to by this House, be delivered to the Council at the said Conference, and that the Council be desired to concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do go to the Council, and acquaint them that this House have appointed six of their Members to meet the Managers appointed by the Council.

A *Message* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*:

Mr *Speaker*,

*The Council have appointed three of their Members who are now ready in the Conference Chamber to meet the Managers appointed by this House.*

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Then the *Managers* appointed by this House went to the Conference:

And being returned,

Mr *Bland* reported that they had been at the Conference; and left the Petition, Memorial and Remonstrance with the Council and desired their Concurrence thereunto.

A *Petition* of the Inhabitants of the City of *Williamsburg* was presented to the House and read setting forth that some Time in the Month of *January* last, the small Pox unfortunately broke out in the said City, and spread a general Alarm through the whole Coun-

try







try as the extensive intercourse between that Seat of our Government and the several Parts of the Colony threatened a general Communication of the dangerous Infection which would undoubtedly have been the Consequence had not the Vigilance of the Magistrates in exerting the Powers given by a late Act of Assembly for taxing the People within their Jurisdiction for certain Purposes, and in taking every prudent Method the Exigency of affairs then demanded happily prevented it and thereby opened a free Communication with every Part of the Colony to the general Good, as the Petitioners humbly conceived, of the whole: And further setting forth that at a late Meeting of the Hall for the said City it was found that the whole Expence incurred in that necessary Work, including fifty Pounds which the President and Masters of the College agreed to pay as their Proportion amounted to the Sum of Two hundred and thirty Pounds, for raising so much whereof as was to be paid by the Petitioners the said Hall was under the Necessity of imposing a Tax on the Petitioners of no less than six Shillings per Poll. And therefore humbly praying that at a Time when the Community in general seems to be upon the Eve of recovering from the great Burthen they have many Years born and of being relieved from the public Taxes, the Petitioners may not be left to bear the Weight of a Taxation still greater than ever for Purposes more intimately indeed affecting themselves yet in great Measure necessary also to the public Quiet and the universal Good of the People but that this House will afford such Relief to them as to their Wisdom and Justice may seem fit.

And the *Question* being put that the said Petition be referred to a Committee.

It passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That the said Petition be rejected.

A *Message* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

*I am commanded to acquaint this House that the Council desire a free Conference immediately with this House on the Subject Matter of the last Conference in the Conference Chamber.*

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to meet the Council at a present free Conference as the Council do desire.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do go to the Council and acquaint them that the House had considered of their Message and did agree to meet the Council at a present free Conference as the Council do desire.

*Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to manage the said Conference.

And a *Committee* was appointed of the Gentlemen who managed the last Conference.

And the *Names* of the Managers were called over; and they went to the Conference.

And being returned;

Mr *Bland* reported the Conference; and that it was to acquaint this House that the Council have agreed to the Petition to his most excellent Majesty the Memorial to the Right Honorable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, and the Remonstrance to the Honorable the Knights Citizens and Burgeesses of *Great Britain* in Parliament assembled, filling up the Blanks with the Word "*Council*:" And that the Council recommended it to this House to direct the Committee of Correspondence that they desire the Agent for this Colony in *Great Britian* to act in Conjunction with the Agent for the Council there in soliciting the said Petition, Memorial and Remonstrance and endeavouring to obtain the Ends thereof.

*Resolved*, That Mr *Speaker* be directed to deliver fair Copies of the said Petition, Memorial and Remonstrance to the President and desire his Honor that he will be pleased to transmit the same to his Majesty's principal Secretary of State appointed to manage the Affairs of *North America*.

*Ordered*



*Ordered*, That the Committee of Correspondence to transmit fair Copies of the said Petition, Memorial and Remonstrance to *Edward Montague*, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Agent for this Colony in *Great Britain* and desire him to act in Conjunction with *James Abercrombie*, Esq<sup>r</sup>: Agent for the Council in soliciting the said Petition, Memorial and Remonstrance, and pursue the most effectual Measures for obtaining the Ends thereof.

*Resolved*, *nemine contradicente* that Mr *Speaker* be directed to write to the Speaker of the honorable House of Representative of the Province of the *Massachusetts Bay* to desire he would inform that House that his Letter of *February 11<sup>th</sup>*, 1768 written by their Direction and in their Name had been considered by this House that we could not but applaud them for their Attention to *American Liberty* and that the Steps we had taken thereon would convince them of our Opinion of the fatal Tendency of the Acts of Parliament complained of and of our fixed Resolution to concur with the other Colonies in their Application for Redress. And that he be also directed to write to the respective Speakers of the Assemblies and Representatives on this Continent to make known to them our Proceedings on this Subject and to intimate how necessary we think it is that the Colonies should unite in a firm but decent Opposition to every Measure which may affect the Rights and Liberties of the *British Colonies in America*.

The House according to *Order* resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill for the better securing the Payment of the Debt due to the Country from the Estate of *John Robinson*, Esquire late Treasurer of this Colony.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee that they had gone through the Bill and made several Amendments thereunto which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Clerk's Table where the Amendments were once read throughout and then a second Time one by one and upon the Question severally put thereupon were agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed and read a third Time.

On a *Motion* made.

*Resolved*, That the several sums following be paid to the several Officers of the General Assembly respectively.

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| To <i>George Wythe</i> , Esq <sup>r</sup> .; Clerk of the House of Burgesses.....                                        | £ 125 |
| To <i>Nathaniel Walthoe</i> ; Esq <sup>r</sup> ; Clerk of the General Assembly.....                                      | 60    |
| To the Rev <sup>d</sup> . Mr <i>Thomas Price</i> , Chaplain.....                                                         | 30    |
| To Mr <i>Francis Eppes</i> , Serjeant at Arms.....                                                                       | 40    |
| To Mr <i>Richard Starke</i> , Clerk of the Committee of Privileges and Elections<br>and Propositions and Grievances..... | 10    |
| To Mr <i>Thomas Everard</i> , Clerk of the Committee of Courts of Justice.....                                           | 10    |
| To the Door-Keeper of the Council.....                                                                                   | 10    |
| To <i>James Lavie</i> } .....                                                                                            | 10    |
| To <i>Robert Hyland</i> } Door-Keepers to the House.....                                                                 | 10    |
| To <i>William Hicks</i> } .....                                                                                          | 10    |
| To <i>John Creagh</i> } .....                                                                                            | 10    |
| To Mr <i>Peter Pelham</i> , Organist.....                                                                                | 25    |
| To Mr <i>Benjamin Powell</i> for cleaning the Capitol.....                                                               | 5     |

*Ordered*, That the said Resolve be ingrossed and that Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the same to the Council and desire their Concurrence.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

*Ordered*, That the Call of the House be adjourned til To-morrow.

And then the House adjourned til To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Saturday







Saturday. the 16th of April. 8 Geo. III. 1768.

**A**N ingrossed *Bill* intituled *An Act for the better securing the Payment of the Debt due to the Country from the Estate of John Robinson, Esq<sup>r</sup> late Treasurer of this Colony*; was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the *Bill* do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Mercer* do carry the *Bill* to the Council and desire their Concurrence.

*Resolved*, That a Conference be desired with the Council upon the Subject of the last Conference.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Treasurer* do go to the Council and desire the said Conference.

*Ordered*, That the Petition to his most excellent Majesty, the Memorial to the Right Honorable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, and the Remonstrance to the Honorable the Knights Citizens and Burgeesses of *Great Britian* in Parliament assembled be delivered to the Council at the said Conference and that the Council be desired to sign the same.

On a *Motion* made,

*Resolved*, That Mr *Treasurer* out of the public Money in his hands do pay the Sum of five Pounds seven Shillings and sixpence to Mr *Francis Eppes* Serjeant at Arms for his Fees and expences for taking *James Pride* into Custody for Breach of the Privileges of this House the last Session of Assembly.

Mr *Treasurer* reported to the House that he had been to desire a Conference with the Council.

A *Message* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*;

Mr *Speaker*,

*The Council have agreed to the Bill intituled An Act for the Ease of the People by paying the Burgeesses Wages in Money for this present Session of Assembly. Also*

*To the Resolve of this House for paying the Officers Salaries. And also*

*The Council have agreed to the Conference desired by this House and appoint the same presently in the Conference Chamber.*

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to manage the said Conference.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Treasurer*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Benjamin Harrison*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Thompson Mason*, and Mr *Blair*.

Then the *Managers* went to the Conference.

And being returned;

Mr *Treasurer* reported that they had been at the Conference and left the Petition to his most excellent Majesty, the Memorial to the Right Honorable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled and the Remonstrance to the Honorable the Knights Citizens and Burgeesses of *Great Britian* in Parliament assembled, with the Council, and desired them to sign the same.

A *Message* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*;

Mr *Speaker*,

*I am commanded to acquaint this House that the Council desire a free Conference immediately with this House on the Subject Matter of the last Conference in the Conference Chamber.*

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to meet the Council at a present free Conference as the Council do desire.

*Ordered*

<sup>a</sup> Not recorded as a law.

<sup>a</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 303.



*Ordered*, That Mr *Treasurer* do go to the Council and acquaint them that the House had considered of their Message and did agree to meet the Council at a present free Conference as the Council do desire.

*Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to manage the said free Conference.

And a Committee was appointed of the Gentlemen who managed the last Conference.

And the Names of the Managers were called over; and they went to the Conference.

And being returned;

Mr *Treasurer* reported that the Managers had met the Managers of the Council who returned the said Petition Memorial and Remonstrance signed by one of the Council for the whole Body.

Mr *Dudley Digges* reported that the Committee appointed had according to Order examined the inrolled Bills and Resolves, and rectified such Mistakes as were found therein and that they were truly enrolled.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Dudley Digges* do carry them to the Council for their Concurrence.

On a Motion made,

*Resolved*, That the public Faith is engaged to secure the Redemption of the Treasury Notes now remaining in Circulation at all Events; and therefore although an Act hath passed to discontinue the Land and Poll Tax imposed to be collected in this and the succeeding Year from a Purview that the other Taxes and the Arrears due to the Public which are to effect that Redemption are fully sufficient for that Purpose, that yet if any Deficiency should happen in those Arrears, the same ought to be supplied and made good by the Public.

A Message from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*:

Mr *Speaker*,

*The Council have inspected the inrolled Bills and Resolves and are satisfied that the same are truly inrolled.*

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A Message from the President by Mr *Walthoe*:

Mr *Speaker*,

*The President commands the immediate Attendance of this House in the Council Chamber and that you bring with you such Bills and Resolves as are ready for his Assent.*

Accordingly Mr *Speaker* with the House went up to attend the President in the Council Chamber where his Honor was pleased to give his Assent to the following public and private Bills viz<sup>t</sup>.

1. An Act<sup>1</sup> to repeal so much of the several Acts of Assembly therein mentioned as impose a Land and Poll Tax on the Inhabitants of this Colony for the Years One Thousand seven hundred and sixty-eight and One Thousand seven hundred and Sixty-nine.

2. An Act<sup>2</sup> for further continuing the Act intituled An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs.

3. An Act<sup>3</sup> for further continuing and amending the Act intituled An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

4. An Act<sup>4</sup> for altering the Court Day of the County of Goochland.

5. An Act<sup>5</sup> to repeal so much of an Act intituled An Act for appointing several new Ferries as relates to a Ferry across the Fluvanna River from and to the Lands of William Cabell Gentleman.

6. An Act<sup>6</sup> to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof James Roscow is seized and for settling Slaves to be purchased in Lieu thereof.

7. An Act<sup>7</sup> for the Ease of the People by paying the Burgeesses Wages in Money for this present Session of Assembly.

And his Honor was likewise pleased to give his Assent to the following Resolves viz<sup>t</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII. p. 295.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., VIII. p. 298.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., VIII. p. 299.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., VIII. p. 300.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid., VIII. p. 300.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid., VIII. p. 301.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid., VIII. p. 303.





1. A *Resolve* for allowing the Printer his Salary.

2. A *Resolve* for paying certain Salaries to the several Officers of the General Assembly.

Then Mr *Speaker* delivered the Petition to his Majesty, the Memorial to the Right Honorable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, and the Remonstrance to the Honorable the Knights Citizens and Burgeffes of *Great Britain* in Parliament assembled to the President desiring his Honor to transmit the same to his Majesty's principal Secretary of State appointed to manage the Affairs of *North America*; which the President was pleased to say should be done.

And then his Honor was pleased to Prorogue the General Assembly to the third Thursday in July next.

And then he said:

*The great relief you have given to the distreffes of the country, in easing them of the land and poll taxes, gives me much pleasure; but as the session has trespassed so much on the General Court, by obstructing all business there for several days, I find it necessary to put an end to it, by proroguing you to the third Thursday in July, next and you are accordingly prorogued to that time.*



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| Accomack       | Southey Simpfon<br>Thomas Parramore        | Halifax         | Nathaniel Terry<br>John Lewis            |
| Albemarle      | Thomas Jefferson<br>Thomas Walker          | Hampshire       | James Mercer<br>Abraham Hite             |
| Amelia         | Thomas Tabb<br>Robert Munford              | Hanover         | William Macon, Jr.<br>Patrick Henry, Jr. |
| Amherst        | William Cabell, Jr.<br>Cornelius Thomas    | Henrico         | Richard Randolph<br>Richard Adams        |
| Augusta        | John Wilfon<br>Gabriel Jones               | Isle of Wight   | Richard Baker<br>James Bridger           |
| Bedford        | John Talbot<br>Charles Lynch               | James City      | Robert Carter Nicholas<br>Lewis Burwell  |
| Buckingham     | Joseph Cabell<br>Benjamin Howard           | Jamestown       | Champion Travis, Jr.                     |
| Brunswick      | Nathaniel Edwards, Jr.<br>Frederick Maclin | King and Queen  | William Lyne<br>John Taylor Corbin       |
| Caroline       | Edmund Pendleton<br>Francis Coleman        | King George†    | Carter Braxton<br>Thomas Claiborne       |
| Charles City   | Benjamin Harrifon<br>William Acrill        | King William    | *James Ball<br>Charles Carter            |
| Charlotte      | Paul Carrington<br>Isaac Read              | Lancaster       | Francis Peyton<br>James Hamilton         |
| Chefterfield   | Archibald Cary<br>Edward Osborne           | Loudoun         | Richard Anderfon<br>Thomas Johnfon       |
| The College    | John Blair                                 | Louisa          | Henry Blagrove<br>John Randolph          |
| Culpeper       | Henry Pendleton<br>John Green              | Lunenburg       | Robert Munford<br>*Matthew Marrable      |
| Cumberland     | John Mayo<br>Alexander Trent               | Mecklenburg     | Gawin Corbin<br>Philip Ludwell Grymes    |
| Dinwiddie      | Robert Bolling<br>Bolling Starke           | Middiefex       | David Meade<br>Willis Riddick            |
| Elizabeth City | Wilfon Miles Cary<br>James Wallace         | Nansemond       | Burwell Baffett<br>William Clayton       |
| Effex          | Francis Waring<br>William Roane            | New Kent        | John Wilfon<br>Thomas Newton, Jr.        |
| Fairfax        | George Wafhington<br>John West             | Norfolk         | Joseph Hutchings<br>Severn Eyre          |
| Fauquier       | Thomas Harrifon<br>James Scott             | Norfolk Borough | John Harmanfon                           |
| Frederick      | Robert Rutherford<br>James Wood            | Northampton     | Spencer Mottram Ball<br>George Ball      |
| Gloucester     | Thomas Whiting<br>Lewis Burwell            | Northumberland  | James Walker<br>Thomas Barbour           |
| Goochland      | John Woodfon<br>Jofias Payne               | Orange          | John Donelfon<br>Hugh Innes              |
|                |                                            | Pittsylvania    |                                          |

\*Not shown by the Journal to have been present during the Assembly.

†No election held, *see* p. 190.



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| Prince Edward  | Thomas Scott<br>Peter Johnston          | Stafford             | Thomson Mason<br>John Alexander                        |
| Prince George  | Richard Bland<br>Peter Poythrefts       | Surry                | Thomas Bailey<br>Hartwell Cocke                        |
| Princess Anne  | John Ackifs<br>Edward Hack Mofeley, Jr. | Suffex               | David Mason<br>John Edmonds                            |
| Prince William | Foufhee Tebbs<br>Henry Lee              | Warwick              | William Harwood<br>William Digges                      |
| Richmond       | John Woodbridge<br>Thomas Glaffcock     | Westmoreland         | Richard Henry Lee<br>Richard Lee                       |
| Southampton    | Henry Taylor<br>Edwin Gray              | Williamsburg<br>York | Peyton Randolph<br>Dudley Digges<br>Thomas Nelson, Jr. |
| Spotsylvania   | Benjamin Grymes<br>Peter Marye          |                      |                                                        |





By the Honourable **John Blair**, Esquire; President of his Majesty's Council, and Commander in Chief of the said Colony and Dominion:

A PROCLAMATION.

**Virginia**, to wit:

*Whereas*, the General Assembly stands prorogued to the third *Thursday* in *July* next and whereas, I see no necessity of it convening at that time; I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Consent and Advice of his Majesty's Council, to farther prorogue them to the last *Thursday* in *October* next.

Given under my Hand, and the Seal of the Colony at *Williamsburg*, this sixteenth Day of *July* in the eighth Year of his Majesty's Reign.

**John Blair**.

GOD SAVE THE KING.



By the Honourable **John Blair**, Esquire; President of his Majesty's Council, and Commander in Chief of the said Colony and Dominion:

A PROCLAMATION.

**Virginia.** to wit:

*Whereas*, the General Assembly stands prorogued to the third *Thursday* in *October*, and whereas, I see no necessity of it convening at that time; I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Consent and Advice of his Majesty's Council, to farther prorogue them to the last *Thursday* in *January* next.

Given under my Hand, and the Seal of the Colony at *Williamsburg*, this twentieth Day of *October* in the eighth Year of his Majesty's Reign.

**John Blair.**

GOD SAVE THE KING.





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Virginia, to wit:

By His Excellency, a proclamation for Dissolving the General Assembly.

*Whereas* the General Assembly stands prorogued to the last *Thursday* in *January* next; and whereas I have thought fit, for divers considerations regarding his Majesty's Service to dissolve the said Assembly; I have therefore, by and with the advice and consent of his Majesty's Council issued this Proclamation declaring the said Assembly to be dissolved and it is hereby accordingly dissolved of which all his Majesty's Subjects within this Colony are required to take notice. And whereas I am desirous upon all occasions to have the advice of a General Assembly for his Majesty's Service and the good and prosperity of his subjects; I do hereby further publish and declare that I intend shortly to issue Writs<sup>\*</sup> for the election of Burgesses to serve in the new Assembly at such time as by the advice of his Majesty's Council shall be judged most fit and convenient.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Colony in *Williamsburg* this twenty seventh Day of *October* 1768, in the ninth year of his Majesty's Reign.

Botetourt.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

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\* Writs were issued for an election to be held Friday, November 26 (Gazette Dec. 1, 1768), and Assembly called to meet the second Monday in May, 1769.



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**G**ENERAL ASSEMBLY, begun and held at the capitol, in the City of WILLIAMSBURG, on MONDAY the Eighth Day of MAY, in the Ninth Year of the Reign of our Lord GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of GOD, of GREAT-BRITAIN, FRANCE, and IRELAND, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoque Domini, 1769.

On which Day, being the first Day of the Meeting of this General Assembly, for the Dispatch of Public Business, pursuant to a Proclamation hereunto annexed, and also to the Writs which had issued for that Purpose, his Excellency the Right Honourable NORBORNE, Baron de BOTETOURT, his Majesty's Lieutenant and Governor-General of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and Vice Admiral of the same, having made a Commission under his Hand, and the Seal of the Colony, hereunto also annexed, empowering several Persons, therein named, to administer the Oaths appointed to be taken by the Members returned to serve in the General Assembly, before they go into the House of Burgesses; several of the said Commissioners came, about Ten of the Clock, into the Council-Chamber, where the said Oaths are usually taken; and George Wythe, Clerk of the House of Burgesses, attending, according to his Duty, with a Book, containing a List of the Names of such Members as had been returned to serve in this General Assembly, delivered to him by the Clerk of the Secretary's Office, the Honourable William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, John Tayloe, William Byrd, Robert Carter, Robert Burwell, and George William Fairfax, Esquires, Eight of the said Commissioners, administered the said Oaths to such of the said Members of the House of Burgesses as appeared: Which being done, the Members repaired to their Seats in the House of Burgesses; after which a Message was delivered by Nathaniel Walthoe, Esq; Clerk of the General Assembly.

Gentlemen,

The Governor commands this House to attend his Excellency immediately in the Council-Chamber.

Accordingly the House went up to attend his Excellency in the Council-Chamber, where his Excellency was pleased to say to them:

"Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses,"

"You must again return to your House, and immediately proceed to the Choice of a Speaker."

And the House being returned,

Archibald Cary, Esq; one of the Members of the County of Chesterfield, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down) putting the House in Mind of the Governor's Commands to proceed to the Choice of a Speaker, proposed the Gentleman, whose eminent Virtues, and known Abilities, qualified him for, and recommended him to, that important Trust, which he discharged with universal Approbation the last General Assembly; and moved that Peyton Randolph, Esq; should take the Chair of the House, as Speaker.

Then





Then *Edmund Pendleton*, Esq; one of the Members for the County of *Caroline*, addressing himself likewise to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down) testified his entire Satisfaction, and hearty Concurrence in the Motion that had been made, the Gentleman named for the Chair having already filled it with a Sufficiency, which equalled the Expectations, and justified the Wishes of his Friend. And thereupon,

The House calling Mr *Randolph* to the Chair, he was taken out of his Place by Two Members, who led him from thence to the Chair; and having ascended the uppermost Step, and standing there, Mr *Randolph* returned his Thanks to the House for the Honour they had conferred upon him, by advancing him, a second Time, to an Office of so much Dignity; and declared his Resolution to perform the Duties of it with Fidelity, Diligence, and Impartiality, desiring at all Times the Assistance of the House, and their benign Interpretation of his Conduct.

And thereupon he sat down in the Chair; and then the Mace (which before lay under the Table) was laid upon the Table.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Governor, to acquaint his Excellency, that this House, in Obedience to his Commands, having made Choice of a Speaker, and to know his Pleasure, when they shall attend to present him; and that Mr *Archibald Cary*, and Mr *Edmund Pendleton* do wait on him with the said Message.

They accordingly withdrew, and being returned, Mr *Archibald Cary*, reported, that the Governor was pleased to say, he would send an Answer by a Messenger of his own.

A Message from the Governor, by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

*The Governor commands this House to attend his Excellency immediately in the Council-Chamber.*

Accordingly, Mr *Speaker* Elect, with the House, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council-Chamber; and he was pleased to declare his Approbation of their Choice.

Then Mr *Speaker* did, in the Name, and on Behalf of the House, lay Claim to all of their ancient Rights and Privileges, particularly a Freedom of Speech and Debate, Exemption from Arrests, and Protection for their Estates; and, lastly, for himself, requested that his Errors might not be imputed to the House.

The Governor answered, that he should take Care to defend them in all their just Rights and Privileges.

The House being returned;

Mr *Speaker* reported, that the House had attended the Governor in the Council-Chamber, where his Excellency was pleased to approve the Choice they had made of him to be their Speaker, and to grant and allow to them, upon Petition of Claim made by him to his Excellency, in the Name, and on the Behalf of the House of Burgeesses, all their ancient Rights and Privileges; particularly a Freedom of Speech and Debate, Exemption from Arrests, and Protection for their Estates.

Mr *Speaker* also reported, that the Governor was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and this House; of which, Mr *Speaker* said, he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy; which he read to the House, and is as followeth, viz.

*Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeesses,*

*The King having been graciously pleased to appoint me to the high Office of his Majesty's Lieutenant and Governor-General of this ancient and loyal Colony and Dominion of Virginia, I lost no Time in repairing to my Government, in order to enter as soon as possible upon the Execution of the important Trust committed to my Charge; and give me Leave to assure you, that it is with the greatest Satisfaction, I have now, in Obedience to his Majesty's Command, the Honour to meet you in General Assembly.*

*You, Gentlemen, who know immediately the true Interests of the Colony, are the best Judges of the Measures necessary to be pursued for its Advantage and Prosperity; and the frequent Experience his Majesty has had of your Zeal and Wisdom, leaves no Room in the Royal Breast to doubt that you will give me all such Advice and Assistance as may enable me*

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to promote and render permanent the Happiness of Virginia; a steady Pursuit of which is the first and great Command of my Royal Master, who entertains the most paternal Affection for all his Subjects in every Part of his Dominions, however remote from the Seat of his Empire, and makes the general Happiness of them all, equally the Object of his Royal Care and Attention.

For my own Part, however conscious I may be of Want of Ability, I shall not doubt, through your Counsel and Support, to be enabled to do my Duty as becomes a faithful Servant to the best of Sovereigns, and a most sincere Friend to the Welfare of this Colony. It is to these Principles I am to trust for Success in my Administration, and I hope by my Actions to merit your Confidence and Affection.

It is with great Satisfaction I have the Honour to acquaint you, that her Majesty was last November happily delivered of a Princess,<sup>1</sup> and both are well.

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes, I have nothing to ask, but that you consider well, and follow exactly, without Passion or Prejudice, the real Interests of those you have the Honour to represent; they are most certainly consistent with the Prosperity of Great-Britain, and so they will for ever be found, when pursued with Temper and Moderation.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes,

It is a peculiar Felicity to me, and a great Addition to the many Honours I have received from my Royal Master, that I have it in Command from his Majesty, to declare and communicate, what will be so honourable to this Colony, and must therefore be so agreeable to you, his gracious Intention, that, for the future, his Chief Governors of Virginia, shall reside within their Government.

Resolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That a most humble and dutiful Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, returning Thanks for his very affectionate Speech at the Opening of this Session;

Expressing our firm Attachment to his Majesty's sacred Person and Government, and a lively Sense of his Royal Favour, manifested by frequent Approbations of our former Conduct; by extending his Paternal Regard to all his Subjects however remote; and, by his gracious Purpose, that our Chief Governor shall, in future, reside among us;

Declaring, that we esteem, as a peculiar Mark of Attention to our Happiness, the Appointment of his Lordship to preside over this Colony; and, that his Virtues and Abilities, manifested ever since his Arrival here, are to us the firmest Assurance, that Wisdom and Benevolence will distinguish his Administration;

Joining, in Congratulations on the Birth of another Princess, and the happy Restoration of her Majesty's Health;

Affuring his Excellency, that we shall, with Candour, proceed to the important Business on which we are met in General Assembly; and that, if in the Course of our Deliberations, any Matters shall arise, which may in any way affect the Interests of Great-Britain, these shall ever be discussed on this ruling Principle, that her Interests, and Ours, are inseparably the same: And, finally, offering our Prayers, that Providence, and the Royal Pleasure, may long continue his Lordship the happy Ruler of a free and an happy People.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address, to be presented to the Governor, upon the said Resolution.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr Edmund Pendleton, Mr Treasurer, Mr Bland, Mr Thompson Mason, Mr Richard Henry Lee, Mr Attorney General, and Mr Jefferson.

Ordered, That the Governor's Speech to the Council, and this House, be referred to the said Committee.

Mr Speaker acquainted the House, that according to the Direction of the House last Session of the General Assembly, he had written to the respective Speakers of the Assemblies and Representatives on this Continent, upon the Subject of sundry Acts of the British Parliament, and had received several Letters in Answer thereto;

And

<sup>1</sup>. Augusta Sophia, born Nov. 4, 1768, died September 22, 1840.





And he delivered the Letters in at the Clerk's Table.

*Ordered*, That the said Letters do lie upon the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

*Ordered*, That the Letters which have passed between the Committee of Correspondence, and the Agent for this Colony, for the last Five Years, and the Papers they refer to, to be laid before the House.

*Ordered*, That an Address be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to issue for the electing of Burgesses to serve in this present General Assembly, for the County of *King George*, no Members having been returned to serve for the said County upon the former Writ, because there was not an Officer to execute it; and that Mr *Edmund Pendleton* do wait on the Governor with the said Address.

*Ordered*, That the Reverend Mr *Thomas Price* be appointed Chaplain to this House, and that he attend to read Prayers every Morning at 10 o'Clock.

*Ordered*, That *James Lavie*, *Robert Hyland*, *William Hicks*, and *John Creagh*, be appointed Door-Keepers to this House, and that they give their Attendance accordingly.

*Ordered*, That a Committee for Religion be appointed.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Treasurer*, Mr *Mercer*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Braxton*, Mr *Charles Carter*, of *Lancaster*, Mr *West*, Mr *Waring*, Mr *Hutchings*, Mr *Blair*, Mr *Wallace*, Mr *Gavin Corbin*, Mr *Wilson Miles Cary*, Mr *Harwood*, Mr *Attorney General*, Mr *Bolling*, Mr *Henry*, Mr *Claiborne*, Mr *Johnston*, Mr *Acrill*, Mr *Burwell*, of *Gloucester*, Mr *Bland*, and Mr *Henry Lee*.

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take under their Consideration all Matters and Things relating to Religion and Morality, and all such as shall be from Time to Time referred to them, and report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, to the House: And the said Committee are to have Power to send for Persons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

*Ordered*, That a Committee of Privileges and Elections be appointed.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Benjamin Harrison*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Treasurer*, Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*, Mr *Whiting*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Washington*, Mr *Charles Carter*, of *Lancaster*, Mr *Blair*, Mr *Henry Lee*, Mr *Thomson Mason*, Mr *Mercer*, Mr *Henry*, Mr *Carrington*, Mr *Jones*, Mr *Robert Munford*, of *Mecklenburg*, Mr *Jefferson*, Mr *Attorney General*, and Mr *William Digges*. And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to examine, in the first Place, all Returns of Writs for electing Burgesses to serve in this present General Assembly, and compare the same with the Form prescribed by Law, and to take into their Consideration all such Matters as shall or may come in Question, touching Returns, Elections and Privileges, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinion thereupon, from Time to Time, to the House. And the said Committee are to have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records, for their Information.

*Resolved*, That in all Cases of controverted Elections, to be heard at the Bar of this House, or before the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Petitioners do, by themselves, or by their Agents, within a convenient Time, to be appointed either by the House, or the Committee of Privileges and Elections, as the Matter to be heard shall be, before the House, or the said Committee, deliver to the fitting Members, or their Agents, Lists of the Persons intended by the Petitioners to be objected to, who voted for the fitting Members, giving, in the said Lists, the several Heads of Objection, and distinguishing the same against the Names of the Voters excepted to; and that the fitting Members do, by themselves, or their Agents, within the same Time, deliver the like Lists, on their Part, to the Petitioners, or their Agents.

*Ordered*, That a Committee of Propositions and Grievances be appointed.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Bland*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Benjamin Harrison*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Treasurer*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*, Mr *Thomas Nelson*, Mr *William Harwood*, Mr *William Digges*, Mr *Washington*, Mr *West*, Mr *John Wilson*, of *Augusta*, Mr *Thomas Walker*, Mr *Braxton*





*Braxton, Mr Whiting, Mr Wilfon Miles Cary, Mr Richard Randolph, Mr Bassett, Mr Robert Bolling, Mr Henry Lee, Mr Benjamin Grymes, Mr Charles Carter, of Lancaster, Mr Henry, Mr Thomas Harrison, Mr William Cabell, Mr Eyre, Mr Thomson Mason, Mr Gawin Corbin, Mr Alexander, Mr Carrington, Mr Robert Munford, of Mecklenburg, Mr Blagrove, Mr Edmunds, Mr Claiborne, Mr Acrill, Mr Jefferson, Mr Mercer, Mr Attorney General, Mr Spencer Mottrom Ball, Mr Robert Rutherford, Mr Wood, Mr Clayton, Mr Hutchings, Mr Joseph Cabell, and Mr Jones.*

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Consideration all Propositions and Grievances that shall come legally certified to this Assembly, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, from Time to Time, to the House; and all such Propositions and Grievances are to be delivered to the Clerk of the House, and by him to the said Committee of Course. And the said Committee is to have Power to send for Persons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

*Ordered, That a Committee of Public Claims be appointed.*

And a Committee was appointed of *Mr Archibald Cary, Mr Richard Lee, Mr Hamilton, Mr Riddick, Mr Waring, Mr Tebbs, Mr Newton, Mr David Mason, Mr Bridger, Mr Cocke, Mr Harmanfon, Mr Robert Munford, of Amelia, Mr James Walker, Mr Harwood, Mr Simpson, Mr Parramore, Mr Thomas Walker, Mr West, Mr John Wilson, of Augusta, Mr Trent, Mr Payne, Mr Starke, Mr Wallace, Mr Adams, Mr Baker, Mr Poythrefts, Mr Terry, Mr Thomas Johnson, Mr Hite, and Mr Roan.*

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Consideration all public Claims referred from the last to this Session of Assembly, and also all such Claims as shall be regularly certified and presented to this Session; and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, to the House, when they have gone through the said Claims, And all Persons that have any Claims, are to deliver them to the said Committee of Course; and they are to have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records, for their Information.

*Ordered, That a Committee for Courts of Justice be appointed.*

And a Committee was appointed of *Mr Richard Henry Lee, Mr Edmunds, Mr Bailey, Mr Clayton, Mr Maclin, Mr Thomas, Mr Anderson, Mr Talbot, Mr Moseley, Mr Lewis Burwell, of Gloucester, Mr Edwards, Mr Howard, Mr Barber, Mr Isaac Read, Mr Henry Pendleton, Mr George Ball, Mr Macon, Mr Scott, Mr Woodson, Mr Lyne, Mr John T. Corbin, Mr Meade, Mr Taylor, Mr Gray, Mr Lewis, Mr Peyton, Mr Marye, Mr Roan, and Mr Philip Ludwell Grymes.*

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Consideration all Matters relating to Courts of Justice, and such other Matters as shall, from Time to Time, be referred to them; and report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, to the House. And the said Committee are to inspect the Journals of the last Session, and draw up a State of the Matters then depending and undetermined, and the Progress that was made therein, and report the same to the House; and also examine what Laws have expired since the last Session, and inspect such temporary Laws as will expire with the End of this Session, or are near expiring; and report the same to the House, with their Opinions, which of them are fit to be revived and continued. And the said Committee are to have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records for their Information.

*Ordered, That a Committee of Trade be appointed.*

And a Committee was appointed of *Mr Benjamin Harrison, Mr Whiting, Mr Hutchings, Mr Blagrove, Mr Eyre, Mr Newton, Mr Trent, Mr Acrill, Mr Braxton, Mr Travis, Mr Lynch, Mr John Wilson, of Norfolk, Mr Peter Johnston, Mr Osborne, Mr Coleman, Mr Mayo, Mr Green, Mr Scott, Mr Ackifs, Mr Donelson, and Mr Innes.*

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Consideration all Things relating to the Trade of this Colony, and all Matters that shall be, from Time to Time, to them referred; and to Report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, to the House. And the said Committee are to have the Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records, for their Information.

*Resolved*





*Resolved*, That eleven of the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, seven of the Committee of Privileges and Elections, and five of any other Committee, be a sufficient Number to make a Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Richard Cary* be appointed Clerk to the Committee for Religion, and the Committee of Trade; Mr *Richard Starke* Clerk to the Committees of Privileges and Elections, and Propositions and Grievances; Mr *Hind Russell* Clerk to the Committee of Claims; and Mr *Thomas Everard* Clerk to the Committee for Courts of Justice.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections do consider of the ancient Rules and standing of the House, and present such as are fit to be continued and observed.

*Ordered*, That the Governor's Speech to the Council and this House, be taken into Consideration upon *Wednesday* next.

*Resolved*, That this House will, on *Wednesday* next, resolve itself into a Committee<sup>8</sup> of the whole House, to consider of the Governor's Speech.

*And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.*

## Tuesday, the 9th of May. 9 Geo. III. 1769.

A *Petition* of the Inhabitants of the Parish of *St. George*, in the County of *Spotsylvania*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, That the said Parish, from its Situation and Extent, is inconvenient to the Minister and the Inhabitants in general and that it is necessary to build a fourth Church, and to repair *Pamunkey* Chapel in the said Parish, which Building and Repairs ought to be borne by the Tithables of the whole Parish; and praying that an Act may pass for dividing the said Parish, by a Line beginning at the Place where the Line of *Caroline* County crosses the River *Po*, and running up the said River to the Mouth of the Run called the *Robinson*, and continuing thence up the said River, whereon *John Mitchell's* Mill stands, until it intersects the Line of *Orange* County; and for subjecting the Tithables of the said Parish, as it now is, to the Expences of the Building and Repairs aforesaid.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Consideration of a Committee; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And it is referred to the Committee for Religion.

A *Petition* of *Roger Dixon* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that *Joseph Brock*, Gentleman, being Sheriff of the County of *Spotsylvania*, duly qualified, on the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of *October* 1768, his Honour the President was pleased to appoint *John Carter*, Gentleman, to that Office, by Commission bearing Date the Day and Year aforesaid; that his Excellency the present Governor arrived in this Colony on the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of the same Month, in the Year aforesaid, and notified his Arrival by Proclamation, which was known by the County Court of *Spotsylvania* aforesaid, before the said *Carter* had qualified himself to act under the said President's Commission: But nevertheless the said *Carter* took upon himself the said Office under the said Commission, and having received a Writ for the Election of Burgesses for the said County, proceeded in the Execution thereof till the Day before the Time appointed by him for the said Election, when; and not before, the said *Carter* received, and qualified under, a Commission from the present Governor, and by virtue thereof made return of the said Writ: And praying the House to take the said Election, which the Petitioner conceived not to have been made according to the Laws of this Colony, under their Consideration, and, declaring the said Election void, direct that new Writs may issue for the electing of Burgesses for the said County.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Consideration of a Committee;<sup>9</sup> and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And it is referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.





A *Petition* of several Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Counties of *Hanover* and *King William*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the opening and clearing the upper Part of *Pamunkey* River, in order to make it navigable for Boats and small Craft to carry down Tobacco from *Crutchfield's*, *Page's* and *Meriwether's* Warehouses, is attended with very great Expence, and is extremely burthenfome on the Petitioners, who are by Law obliged to pay for clearing and opening the said River, although they receive but little Advantage, in Comparifon with the benefits which the People of other Counties derive therefrom, who bring their Tobacco to those Warehouses, invited by the high Price generally given for Tobacco paffed at them, and who ought therefore to contribute to the Expence of opening and clearing the said River; and therefore propofing that the said River may, for the future, be cleared and kept open at the Expence of the Public, or that every Perfon carrying or fending Tobacco to the said Warehouses may be obliged to pay fomething towards opening and clearing the said River, or that fuch Relief may be granted to the Petitioners, as the House fhall think juft and reasonable.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Consideration of a Committee; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the fame, as it fhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And it is referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

A *Petition* of *Merryman Payne* and *Dale Carter*, Infpectors at *Davis's* and *Loury's* Warehouses, in the County of *Lancaster*, was presented to the House and read; setting forth that the said Warehouses had been feveral Times broken open, and fundry Parcels of Tobacco ftolen thereout, although the said Warehouses were fecured with Locks and Bars, and the Petitioners had not been guilty of the leaft Neglect; and praying that the Lofs may be repaired by the Public, and not fufained by the Petitioners.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Consideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the fame, as it fhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And it is referred to the Committee of Public Claims.

The House was moved that the Order made the eighth Day of *November*, 1766, relating to Claims for taking up Runaways, might be read;

The fame was read accordingly, viz.

'*Saturday*, *November* 8, 1766.

*Ordered*, That all Claims for taking up Runaways, fworn to before a Magiftrate, be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Claims'.

*Ordered and declared*, That the said Order be a ftanding Order of the House.

10 A *Petition* of *Anthony Street*, Deputy Sheriff of *Lunenburg* County, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That in *November* laft he provided an Horfe, worth eight Pounds, for conveying to the public Gaol *Peter Brown*, who was charged with Felony, and ordered by the Court of the said County to be tried before the Court of *Oyer and Terminer*; and that the said Horfe died travelling with the Prifoner to *Williamsburg*; and that the Petitioner expended feven Shillings and fix Pence in fupporting the Prifoner during his Journey; and praying to be allowed the Value of his said Horfe and his said Expences.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Consideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the fame, as is fhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And it is referred to the Committee of public Claims.

A *Petition* of *Robert Higginfon* was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That an outlawed runaway Negro Man Slave, belonging to the Petitioner, was fuprised fleeping in a Canoe in Mr *Holt's* Mill-Pond, by one *Thomas Fear*, and being unable to refcue himfelf from the said *Fear*, who endeavored to apprehend him, jumped over board into the Water, and was drowned; and praying, that he may be allowed the Value of his said Slave.

*Ordered*





*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And it is referred to the Committee of public Claims.

A *Petition* of *John Scott*, of the County of *Lunenburg*, was presented to the House, and read, praying to be allowed the Value of his Negro Man Slave *Jack*, who was drowned whilst he was employed in repairing a Highway, by Order of the Surveyor thereof.

And a Motion being made, and the Question put, that the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee;

It passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That the said Petition be rejected.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to regulate the Practice of suing out and prosecuting Writs of Replevin, within this Colony: And that Mr *Thomson Mason*, and Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had had under their Consideration the several Writs for electing Burgesses to serve in this present General Assembly, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Returns of the several Writs for electing Burgesses for the Counties of *Amherst*, *Augusta*, *Bedford*, *Chesterfield*, *Charlotte*, *Cumberland*, *Caroline*, *Dinwiddie*, *Effex*, *Fairfax*, *Fauquier*, *Gloucester*, *Hanover*, *Henrico*, *Hampshire*, *James Town*, *James City*, *Isle of Wight*, *Lunenburg*, *Lancaster*, *Loudoun*, *Northampton*, *Norfolk*, *Nansemond*, *New Kent*, *Northumberland*, *Orange*, *Princes Anne*, *Prince George*, *Prince Edward*, *Southampton*, *Spotsylvania*, *Surry*, *Williamsburg*, and *Westmoreland*, are made in the Form prescribed by Law. 11

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Returns of the several Writs for electing Burgesses for the Counties of *Accomack*, *Amelia*, *Albemarle*, *Brunswick*, *Buckingham*, *Charles City*, *College*, *Culpeper*, *Elizabeth City*, *Frederick*, *Goochland*, *Halifax*, *King William*, *King & Queen*, *Louisa*, *Mecklenburg*, *Middlesex*, *Norfolk Borough*, *Pittsylvania*, *Prince William*, *Richmond*, *Stafford*, *Suffex*, *Warwick*, and *York*, are not made in the Form prescribed by Law.

The said Resolutions being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Returns of the several Writs for electing Burgesses for the Counties in the last Resolution mentioned, except the Counties of *Charles City* and *Richmond*, be amended by the Clerk at the Table. And the said Returns were amended by the Clerk accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the Sheriffs of the Counties of *Charles City* and *Richmond* do attend the House, to amend their Returns of the Writs for electing Burgesses for their respective Counties.

A *Petition* of *William Rind*, Printer, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that his Salary as Printer to the Public, will expire at the End of this Session of Assembly; and therefore humbly praying that the same may be further continued.

*Resolved*, That the Sum of Three Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds *per Annum* be allowed to *William Rind*, Printer, to continue to the End of the next Session of Assembly, as a full Consideration for printing the Journal of the House of Burgesses, and the Laws of each Session, and sending as many Copies to the County Court Clerks, as there are acting Justices in the Commission, in each respective County, and one other (which is to be half bound) for the use of the Court, and Ten to the Clerks of the Courts of Hustings in the City of *Williamsburg*, and the Borough of *Norfolk*, and printing Inspectors Receipts and Books, Proclamations, and public Advertisements.

*Ordered*





*Ordered*, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower the Executors of the Will of *Charles Carter*, Esq; deceased, to sell certain Lands for the Payment of his Debt and Legacies; and that Mr *Edmund Pendleton* and Mr *Attorney General* do prepare and bring in the same.

*And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning eleven of the Clock.*

### Wednesday, the 10th of May, 9 Geo. III. 1769.

12 **T**WO Members having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration-Oath, and repeated and subscribed the Test, took their Places in the House.

A *Petition* of sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Hanover*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that the exhausted State of most of the Lands in this Colony which had been used in the Cultivation of Tobacco, together with many other concurring Causes, makes it impossible to raise considerable Quantities thereof, in such Perfection as is necessary for passing the Inspections; that of late Years that Staple Commodity, to which this Colony hath owed its Prosperity, hath been much on the Decline, which hath been caused by the injudicious Conduct of the Inspectors, in refusing to pass all such Tobacco as they judge unfit for Market, which Inspectors are often incapable of judging of, or knowing what particular Kinds of Tobacco are in Request in the different Nations of *Europe*, from the Want of Information; and others of them are wilfully negligent and designedly unjust in sentencing Tobacco to be burned, from which Judgment there is no Appeal for the Injured: And further setting forth, that many Inspectors have refused to pass Tobaccos, of the most valuable Quality, which hath appeared by the high Prices the same Tobaccos have produced in *Great Britain*: And therefore praying, in order to remedy all future Inconveniences of this Sort, as far as possible, and to give all due Encouragement to that very valuable Staple, now in Danger of being lost to this Colony, that all Persons may have the Liberty of shipping their own Tobacco, notwithstanding the same may be refused at any Inspection; and that the Petitioners may be relieved, touching the Premises, in such Manner as the House may see fit.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Consideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And it is referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

13 A *Petition* of the Minister and sundry Inhabitants of the Parish of *Hamilton*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read; setting forth, that from the large Extent of the Parish, it is not in the Ministers Power to perform his Duty, as a Preacher, to the whole Parish, in so regular a Manner as is necessary; and many of the Inhabitants reside so far from their Parish Churches, that they can but seldom attend Public Worship; from which Causes, Dissenters have opportunity and Encouragement to propagate their pernicious Doctrines; and that there being now in the said Parish two thousand eight hundred and twenty four Tithables, which Number is expected to increase, the said Parish will admit of a Division, without being very burthen some to the Inhabitants thereof; and therefore praying, that the said Parish may be divided into two Parishes, by a straight Line, to begin at the North Fork of *Broad Run*, at an Angle made by the Line that divides the said Parish of *Hamilton* from the Parish of *Deitingen*, and to end at two red Oaks on the Bank of the North Fork of *Rappahannock* River, in the Plantation of *Jesse Williams*, which Line would divide the said Parish into nearly equal Parts, leaving a small Majority of Tithables in the lower Part.

*Ordered*





*Ordered*, that the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And it is referred to the Committee for Religion.

The House being informed, that the Sheriff of the County of *Richmond* attended at the Door;

*Ordered*, That he amend the Return of the Writ for electing Burgeesses for his County in the Office; and the same was amended accordingly.

A *Petition* of the Minister and Vestry of the Parish of *Saint Mark*, in the County of *Culpeper*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, That the Glebe-Land belonging to the said Parish, from its small Quantity, and the long Time it hath been in Cultivation, is for the most Part worn out, and that the Proportion of it remaining uncleared is not sufficient to supply Timber for Repairs, or Wood for Fuel; and therefore praying, that an Act may pass to enable the said Vestry to sell the said Glebe-Lands and purchase a sufficient and more convenient one in Lieu thereof.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And it is referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

A *Petition* of several Inhabitants of the Parish of *Southam*, in the County of *Cumberland*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, That, by Reason of the great Extent of the said Parish, which is Upwards of fifty Miles in Length, the Petitioners labour under many great and manifest Inconveniences, that the Petitioners at the upper End of the said Parish being twenty Miles from any Church, seldom have their Children baptized, and are deprived of other Benefits enjoyed by the lower Inhabitants; that four Churches having been already built in the said Parish, the Petitioners cannot hope another will be erected for their Convenience, whilst the Parish is undivided; that the said Parish now contains upwards of three thousand Tithables, and that a Line to run from the Mouth of *Muddy Creek* on *James River*, to cross *Buckingham Road* at or near a Place called *Saint James's* thence a straight Line to *Appomattox River*, will leave about fifteen hundred Tithables on each Side; and therefore praying that the said Parish be divided into two distinct Parishes by a Line to be run as aforesaid, or in such other Manner as to the House shall seem fit.

A *Petition* of fundry of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Parish of *Southam*, in the County of *Cumberland*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was also presented to the House, and read; taking Notice of an Application intended to be made to the House, for a Division of the said Parish, and alleging the Inconveniences complained of to proceed from the Form of the Parish, running up *Appomattox River* in a very long and narrow Nook, many Parts of the said Parish for twelve or fifteen Miles being not wider than six or seven Miles, and in some Places less; that a Church built in that Part of the Parish would be convenient to but very few, many of the Lands in that Corner being held in large Tracts by Gentlemen who live out of the County; that a Division of the said Parish at this Time will be very burthensome, their Levies being generally high, from the great Numbers of their Poor and Insolvents; that more Churches will be erected in Consequence of a Division; and that the Distances of the four Churches now in the Parish from one another do not exceed thirteen or fourteen Miles, and from the Glebe are such, that the Minister frequently goes from Home to Church, and returns the same Day; and therefore praying, that the said Parish may not be divided.

*Ordered*, That the said several Petitions be referred to the Consideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And they are referred to the Committee for Religion.

A *Petition* of fundry of the Inhabitants of the upper End of *Southfarnham*, in the County of *Effex*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, That the Petitioners reside some of them about twenty five.  
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and none less than twenty two or twenty three Miles from the Rector of the said Parish; that the nearest Church to them in their own Parish is further from some of them than the upper Church in the Parish of *Saint Anne*, and that the Bounds of the said Parish are unsettled; and praying, that the Petitioners may be included in the Parish of *Saint Anne*, by a Line from Col *Francis Waring's* Mill-Run, at the Mouth of the Road-Branch, thence up the said Branch to the Head thereof; and from thence across the Main Road to *Hawkin's* Branch, notwithstanding which there will remain still in the lower Parish about four hundred Tithables more than in the upper.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And it is referred to the Committee for Religion.

A Petition of *John Brickell* was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, That at the last Election of Burgesses for the County of *Norfolk*, the Petitioner was a Candidate, when Mr *John Wilson* and Mr *Thomas Newton* were returned duly elected to serve as Burgesses in the General Assembly for the said County of *Norfolk*, although a greater Number of Freeholders voted for the Petitioner than for Mr *Newton*; and that on the Day of the Election Mr *Newton* and his Friends prevented several Freeholders from voting for the Petitioner, by offering Money, and actually giving other Things to them not to vote for him; and at the same Time several Friends of Mr *Newton*, in a tumultuous and riotous Manner, at the Door of the Courthouse, hindered the Petitioner's Friends from going in and giving their Votes, as they intended; and therefore  
15 praying the Consideration of the House touching the Premises, and that, if it shall appear that the Petitioner had the most legal Votes, he may be declared duly elected.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A Petition of fundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Augusta*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; taking Notice of a Petition intended to be presented to the House, for dividing the said County, and either making two new Counties, or, if but one, for ending the dividing Line at *Beverly Manor*; and alledging that any Division of the said County will be very inconvenient, and especially in the Manner proposed, and therefore praying that the said County may not be divided at all, or else that the dividing Line may be extended to the North Branch of *James River*, making one new County only.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And it is referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Mr *Treasurer* reported, from the Committee for Religion, that the Committee had, according to Order, had under their Consideration the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Parish of *Saint George*, in the County of *Spotsylvania*, praying a division of the said Parish, and had come to a Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place; and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read, and is as followeth, viz.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said Petition is reasonable.

The said Resolution, being read a second Time, was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for annexing twenty Acres of Land, whereof, *Patrick Ramsay*, Gentleman, is seized in Fee, to the Town of *Blandford*, in the County of *Prince George*: And that Mr *Bland*, Mr *Poythrefts*, Mr *Bolling*, and Mr *Starks* do prepare and bring in the same.





A *Petition* of *Charles Carter*, Esq; of *Laurel*, was read, setting forth, that he is seized in Fee Tail, under the Will of his Grandfather, *Robert Carter*, Esq; deceased, and the Will of his Father, *John Carter*, Esq; deceased, of a Tract of Land, containing two thousand Acres, situate in the Parish of *Northfarnham*, and the County of *Richmond*; also of one other Tract, containing five thousand Acres, situate in the Parish of *Cameron*, in the County of *Loudoun*; also of one other Tract, containing six thousand Acres, situate in the Parish of *Hamilton*, and County of *Fauquier*; also of one other Tract containing six thousand Acres, situate on *Broad Run*, in the Parish of *Hamilton*, and County of *Prince William*; and also of one other Tract containing two thousand Acres, situate in the Parish of *Saint Mary's*, and County of *Caroline*: Part 16 of which said Lands are of little value in themselves, and the Residue at a very great Distance from Navigation, and very inconvenient to all the Petitioner's other intailed Estates: And further setting forth, that the Petitioner is seized in Fee Simple of a Tract of Land, containing three thousand three hundred Acres, purchased by the Petitioner of the Executors of *James Littlepage*, deceased; also a Tract of five hundred Acres, purchased by the Petitioner of *Peter* and *Henry Terrell*, both which Tracts are contiguous to the Petitioner's Lands called *North Wales* in the County of *Hanover*, and of much greater Value than the first mentioned back Lands; and that it will be of great Advantage to the Heir in Tail that the intail of the said Lands should be docked, and the *Hanover* Lands settled in Lieu thereof; and therefore praying that an Act may pass for that Purpose.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition: And that Mr *Richard Henry Lee* and Mr *Henry Lee* do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of public Claims, that the Committee had, according to Order, had under their Consideration the Petition of *Merryman Payne* and *Dale Carter*, Inspectors at *Davis's* and *Loury's* Warehouses, to them referred, and had come to a Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read, and is as followeth, viz.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said Petition is reasonable; and that the said Petitioners ought to be allowed by the Public, at the Rate of twenty Shillings per Centum, for one thousand six hundred and forty nine Pounds of Crop Tobacco, and two Pence per Pound for six hundred and seventy Pounds of Transfer, which was stolen out of the said Warehouses, amounting, in the whole, to the Sum of twenty two Pounds one Shilling and five Pence Halfpenny.

The said Resolution being read a second Time, was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

A *Petition* of sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Charlotte*, and Parish of *Cornwall*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That the Petitioners and others, who make no Tobacco, suffer grievous Oppression under the Exactions of Collectors of Public, County, and Parish Levies, who are by Law impowered do distrain for such levies before Transfer Tobacco can be procured to discharge them; and therefore praying, that an Act may pass, ascertaining the Price of Tobacco due for the said Levies, and preventing too early Distresses, or otherwise relieving the Petitioners.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And it is referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

A *Petition* of the People called Mulattoes and free Negroes, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read, praying that the Wives and Daughters of the Petitioners may be exempt from the Payment of Levies.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee: 17 And that they report their Opinion thereupon to the House.

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And it is referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

*Ordered*, That the Chaplain to this House attend to read Prayers at eight of the Clock every Morning.

*Ordered*, That a Message be sent to the Council, to acquaint them, that the Rev. Mr Price is appointed Chaplain to this House, and that he will attend to read Prayers, at eight of the Clock, every Morning, in the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Treasurer* do carry the said Message.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Woodbridge* be added to the Committee for Religion, and to the Committees of Privileges and Elections, and Propositions and Grievances.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Glascock* be added to the Committee of public Claims.

On a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to amend the Act intituled, "An Act to amend the Act for the better Government of Servants and Slaves;" And that Mr *Archibald Cary*, and Mr *Richard Lee*, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address, to be presented to the Governor, that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read, and is as followeth, viz.

My Lord,

*We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Burgeesses of Virginia, now met in General Assembly, humbly beg Leave to return your Excellency our sincere and unfeigned Thanks for your very affectionate Speech at the Opening of this Session; and we do with the highest Satisfaction and Pleasure embrace this first opportunity which has been offered us, as well for ourselves, as in Behalf of all our Constituents, to congratulate your Excellency on your Appointment to this Government, and your safe and early Arrival.*

*The Assurances of the Royal Favour, communicated to us through your Excellency, cannot but impress the Heart of every Virginian with the most lively and indelible Sentiments of Duty and Affection. Permit us then, my Lord, to renew our Assurances to your Excellency of our most cordial and inviolable Attachment to his Majesty's sacred Person and Government, the real Happiness and Prosperity of which have ever been the grand, leading Objects of our warmest Wishes.*

*His Majesty's gracious Appointment of your Lordship to so important a Station, at the same Time that it holds forth to the world the strongest Evidence of your Lordship's exceeding Merit, is a recent Proof to us of his paternal Affection for this his ancient and loyal Colony.*

*We receive with equal Pleasure and Gratitude the Intimation of his Majesty's gracious Purpose, that his chief Governors of Virginia shall in future reside within their Government, as from hence we are persuaded, that much Honour and many signal Advantages will redound to the Colony; and we do assure your Lordship, with that Sincerity which*  
 15 *Truth ought ever to inspire, that we esteem, as a peculiar Mark of the Royal Attention to our Happiness, your Lordship's Appointment to preside over us, since we cannot but regard the Display of so many Virtues and Abilities, during the short Time of your Residence as a sure Presage, that Wisdom and Benevolence will eminently distinguish your Lordship's Administration.*

*As we shall ever participate even of his Majesty's domestic Felicity, we do very cordially congratulate your Lordship, as the immediate Representative of the best of Sovereigns, on the late Birth of a Princess, an additional and endearing Pledge to the British Nation and all its Connections; and it is with great Pleasure we learn, that her Majesty and the Royal Infant are in perfect Health.*

*It is an indispensable Duty which we owe to our Constituents, and which at present is strongly enforced by your Lordship's Recommendation and Advice, that we should dispassionately, and with greatest Candour, consider the important Business upon which we*  
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are now assembled; and we beg Leave to assure your Excellency, that if, in the Course of our Deliberations, any Matters should arise, which may in any Sort affect Great-Britain, they shall be discussed on this ruling Principle, that both our Interests are inseparably the same.

It only remains, my Lord, for us to offer up our most fervent Prayers to that Supreme Being, the Sovereign Dispenser of every good and perfect Gift, beseeching him to inspire your Lordship with all wisdom, and that his Majesty will long continue you the happy Ruler of a free and happy People.

The said Address being read a second Time:

*Resolved, Nemine Contradicente*, That the House doth agree with the Committee in the said Address, to be presented to the Governor.

*Resolved*, That the said Address be presented to his Excellency by the whole House.

*Ordered*, That the Gentlemen who drew up the said Address, do wait upon the Governor to know his Pleasure, when this House shall attend his Excellency, to present their Address.

The Order of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Governor's Speech;

*Resolved*, That this House will, upon *Friday* next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

*And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning eleven of the Clock.*

## Thursday, the 11th of May, 9 Geo. III. 1769.

**A** Petition of *Henry Kidd* was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, That *Fortune*, a Negro Man Slave, belonging to the Petitioner, having been committed to the Gaol of *Effex* County, accused of Felony and Burglary, was acquitted of the Burglary, the Commissioners of *Oyer* and *Terminer*, before whom he was tried, being equally divided in their Opinions, as to his Guilt of that Crime, and was convicted of Felony, and burned in the Hand, and received corporal Punishment; but that by the Inclemency of the Weather, the said Slave, during his Confinement in Gaol before his Trial, was so frost-bitten, that, notwithstanding extraordinary Care was taken of him, he lost his Feet, and soon afterwards perished; and praying to be allowed the Value of the said Slave, as well as a reasonable Satisfaction for the Trouble and Expence of endeavoring to cure him.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And it is referred to the Committee of public Claims.

A Petition of *Joseph Ligon*, of the County of *Halifax*, was presented to the House and read; setting forth, That the Petitioner is Proprietor of a Tract of Land in the said County, on the North Side of *Dan* River; and that a Ferry from thence to the Land of *Alexander Roberts*, on the South Side of the said River, will be of Service to the Public; and therefore praying that an Act may pass to appoint a Ferry at that Place.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And it is referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

A Petition of fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Brunswick*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed: *And also*

A Petition of fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Southampton*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed: *And also*

A Petition of fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Sussex* whose Names are thereunto subscribed,

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Were severally presented to the House, and read; setting forth, That the lately increased Rates of Ferriage at *Swan's Point*, *James Town*, and *Crouche's Creek*, are unreasonable and oppressive; and therefore praying that the said Rates may be reduced.

*Ordered*, That the said several Petitions be referred to the Consideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And it is referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported to the House, that the Governor having been waited on, pursuant to the Order of yesterday, to know his Pleasure when he would be attended by this House, had been pleased to appoint to be attended this Day, in the Council Chamber, and to say he would acquaint the House, by a Messenger of his own, when he was ready to receive their Addrefs.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, reported from the Committee of Courts of Justice, that the said Committee had, according to Order, inspected the Journals of the last Session of Assembly, and drawn up a State of the Matters then depending and undetermined, and the Progress that was made therein; and had directed him to report the same, as it appeared to them, to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to this Committee, That at the first Session of the said Assembly, a Petition of fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Augusta*, praying a Division thereof, also a Petition in Opposition thereto, were severally presented to the House, and read; and on a Motion made, it was ordered, that the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom Petitions to the same Effect with the above had been committed, should be discharged from proceeding therein, and that all the said Petitions be referred to the then next Session of Assembly.

That an Account of *Tunstall Banks*, Administrator, &c. of *William Banks*, deceased, for Pay as Lieutenant for 61 Days; also a Claim of Captain *Walter Cunningham*, for 7£. 10 s. for which a Soldier, in his Company of Militia, obtained a Judgment against him, in the County Court of *Augusta*: And also a Claim of *Jacob Jackson* for 44 Days Service, as a Soldier in Captain *Cunningham's* Company of Militia, were severally presented to the House, and received, and referred to the then next Session of Assembly.

On a Motion made to the House, it was ordered, That the Committee of Propositions and Grievances be discharged from considering the Petition of *Job Pearsal*, to them committed; and that the said Petition should be referred to the then next Session of Assembly.

It also appears to this Committee, That at the second Session of the said Assembly two other Petitions of fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Augusta*, praying that the said County may be divided, were presented to the House, and read, and referred to the Consideration of the then next Session of Assembly.

That a Petition of *John Thomas*, setting forth, that upon the Expedition in the year 1764, it being made known, that it was desired a Number of Volunteers should join the King's Troops commanded by Col. *Bouquet* on that Expedition, the Petitioner did actually enlist fourteen able Men, upon the Assurance that he should have the Rank of an Ensign, and be equally entitled to any Advantage or Emolument which might arise to Officers of the same Rank, who should enter into that Service. That the Petitioner had been informed, his Name was left out of the List of Officers, who obtained an Allowance from the House, by Mistake; and praying, that the House would take the same into their Consideration, and make him such allowance as they may think equitable. Also

A Petition of *George Slaughter*, setting forth, that in the Year 1764 he entered himself a Volunteer to serve in the Expedition against the *Indian Towns*, under the Command of Col. *Bouquet*; that, upon its being signified to be the Desire of the General Assembly, that a Number of the Volunteers should serve on Horseback, the Petitioner furnished himself with a suitable Horse for that Service; that, upon a Peace being concluded with the different Tribes of *Indians*, and a large Number of distressed Prisoners being





being delivered up, the Petitioner's Horse was employed on their Return in carrying some of those restored Captives, by which Means the said Horse was lost; that the Petitioner therefore humbly hoped this Honourable House would take the same into Consideration, and grant him such Allowances as they might think Reasonable, as he was actuated by Principals of public Spirit to enter into that Service, and without Expectation of receiving any Reward for his Services. *Also*

A *Petition of Benjamin Foreman*, praying that an Act may pass to establish a Ferry over the River *Potowmack*, from his Land in the County of *Frederick*, to the Land of Lord *Baltimore*, in the Province of *Maryland*. *Also*

A *Petition of Benjamin Grubb*, of the Town of *Winchester*, setting forth, That in the Spring of the Year 1755 his House in the said Town was, by Order of Col. *Stephen*, commanding Officer of the *Virginia* Troops, then stationed there, taken and converted into an Hospital, for the Use of the Soldiers, who kept Possession thereof for that Purpose, about eight Months; and during that Time destroyed the Pailing of the Lot on which the House stood entirely, and the Plastering of the House, ripped off the Weatherboards of the Dwelling House and Stable, and did the Petitioner other Considerable Damage, valued by Workmen to above forty Pounds, for which Sir *John St. Clair*, to whom the Petitioner delivered the Estimate, promised to procure an Allowance. But the Petitioner had never heard any Thing more of it, nor received any Satisfaction for the use of his House, or the Injury done him by the Soldiers; and praying the House to take the Matter under Consideration, and make him suitable Amends; were severally presented to the House, and read, and referred to the Consideration of the then next Session of Assembly.

That upon a *Motion* made, it was ordered, that all such Claims and other Matters as were referred from the first to the second Session of the last Assembly, and also all such as were certified to the said second Session of Assembly, should be referred to the Consideration of the then next Session of Assembly.

*Ordered*, That the several Petitions of fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Augusta*, praying a Division thereof, and *also* the Petition in Opposition thereto, and *also* the several Petitions of *Job Pearfall* and *Benjamin Foreman*, in the said Report mentioned, be severally referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matters thereof, and report the same, as they shall appear to them, with their Opinions thereupon, to the House.

*Ordered*, That the Account of *Tunstall Banks*, Administrator, &c. of *William Banks*, deceased, and *also* the Claim of Capt. *Walter Cunningham*, and *also* the Claim of *Jacob Jackson*, and also the several Petitions of *John Thomas*, *George Slaughter* and *Benjamin Grubb*, in the said Report also mentioned, be severally referred to the Consideration of the Committee of public Claims: And that they do examine the Matters thereof, and report the same, as they shall appear to them, with their Opinions thereupon, to the House.

A *Message* from the Governor, by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

The Governor is now ready to receive the Address of your House in the Council-Chamber.

Accordingly Mr *Speaker*, with the House, went up; and being returned, he reported, that the House had attended the Governor with their Address, to which his Excellency was pleased to give this Answer:

"Mr *Speaker* and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeesses, I Cordially pray for that Wisdom which you have kindly implored the Almighty to grant me.

My Situation calls for it, and the People of Virginia have a Right to expect it.

When my gracious Master ordered me here, he commanded me to do Justice, and to maintain the Rights of all his Subjects; I joyfully accepted the glorious Command, and in the Execution of it will exert honest Zeal, which all good Men will approve.

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*His Majesty shall be fully informed of your Expressions of Gratitude, Loyalty, and Attachment to his sacred Person and Government, and shall be told of your Kindness to me."*

A *Petition* of fundry of the Inhabitants of this Colony, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth the destructive Tendency of Inoculation with the Small-Pox; and therefore praying that no such Practice may be allowed in *Virginia*.

A *Petition* of several persons, Inhabitants of the Borough and County of *Norfolk*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was also presented to the House, and read; setting forth the Inconveniences from Inoculation with the Small-Pox; and therefore praying that an Act may pass for restraining and regulating the Practice of Inoculation.

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions be severally referred to the Consideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And they are referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, that the Committee had, according to Order, had under their Consideration several Petitions to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Mulattoes and free Negroes, praying that their Wives and Daughters may be exempted from the Payment of Levies, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Counties of *Hanover* and *King William*, praying Relief against the Burthen and Expence of clearing *Pamunkey* River from *Crutchfield's*, *Page's* and *Meriwether's* Warehouses, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Minister and Vestry of *Saint Mark's* Parish, in the County of *Culpeper*, praying that an Act may pass to enable them to sell the Glebe of the said Parish, and to purchase a better and more convenient Glebe, is reasonable.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

23 *Ordered*, That Bills be brought in, pursuant to the said Resolutions, which have been agreed to by the House: and that the Committee of Propositions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the same.

A *Petition* of several Manufacturers of Leather within this Colony, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, That the Exportation of raw Hides, hitherto not sufficiently restrained, is very detrimental; and praying the House to take the same under Consideration, and apply an adequate Remedy.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And it is referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

A *Petition* of the Minister, Vestry, and others, Inhabitants of the Parish of *Cameron*, in the County of *Loudoun*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, That the said Parish is very extensive, and inconvenient to the People who reside in the upper Parts thereof; and praying that the said Parish may be divided in the Manner and upon the Terms mentioned in a Scheme to the said Petition annexed.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And it is referred to the Committee for Religion.





A *Petition* of several Persons, of the County of *Augusta*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; taking Notice, that sundry Petitions had been presented to the House for dividing the said County; and praying that the said County may be divided by the North Branch of *James River*, up to the Mouth of *Carr's Creek*, by the said Creek to the Head thereof, and thence by a straight Line parallel with that which divides *Frederick County* from *Augusta*.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And it is referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

A *Petition* of *Joseph Williams*, of the County of *Lunenburg*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, That upwards of one hundred and fifty Pounds of the public Money, collected by the Petitioner, as Sheriff of the said County, was stolen from him on the 12th Day of *July* 1763, although he had taken proper Care to secure the same, by which Loss he was rendered unable to discharge a Balance due from him to the Treasurer for Taxes; and praying the House to allow to him the said one hundred and fifty Pounds.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And it is referred to the Committee of public Claims.

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*Ordered*, That Mr *Thomas Harrison*, Mr *Hamilton*, and Mr *Thomson Mason*, be added to the Committee for Religion.

A *Petition* of *Fielding Turner*, of the County of *Loudoun*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, That being Captain of a Company of the Militia of *Fairfax County*, in 1758, and, in Obedience to an Order of his Commanding Officer, having drawn ten Men out of his Company, and one of those Soldiers not being furnished with a Gun, the Petitioner supplied him with one which he impressed, and which was appraised to four Pounds; and that the Owner of the said Gun commenced Suit in the County Court of *Loudoun* against the Petitioner, and recovered Judgment in 1767, for four Pounds, and the Cost of Suit, and praying to be reimbursed the said Sum and Costs.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And it is referred to the Committee of public Claims.

A *Petition* of the Minister and Vestry of the Parish of *Meherrin*, in the County of *Brunswick*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth the inconvenient Situation of the Glebe of the said Parish, and that the Mansion House thereon had been destroyed by Fire; and praying that the Petitioners may be impowered to sell the said Glebe, and purchase other Land in Lieu thereof.

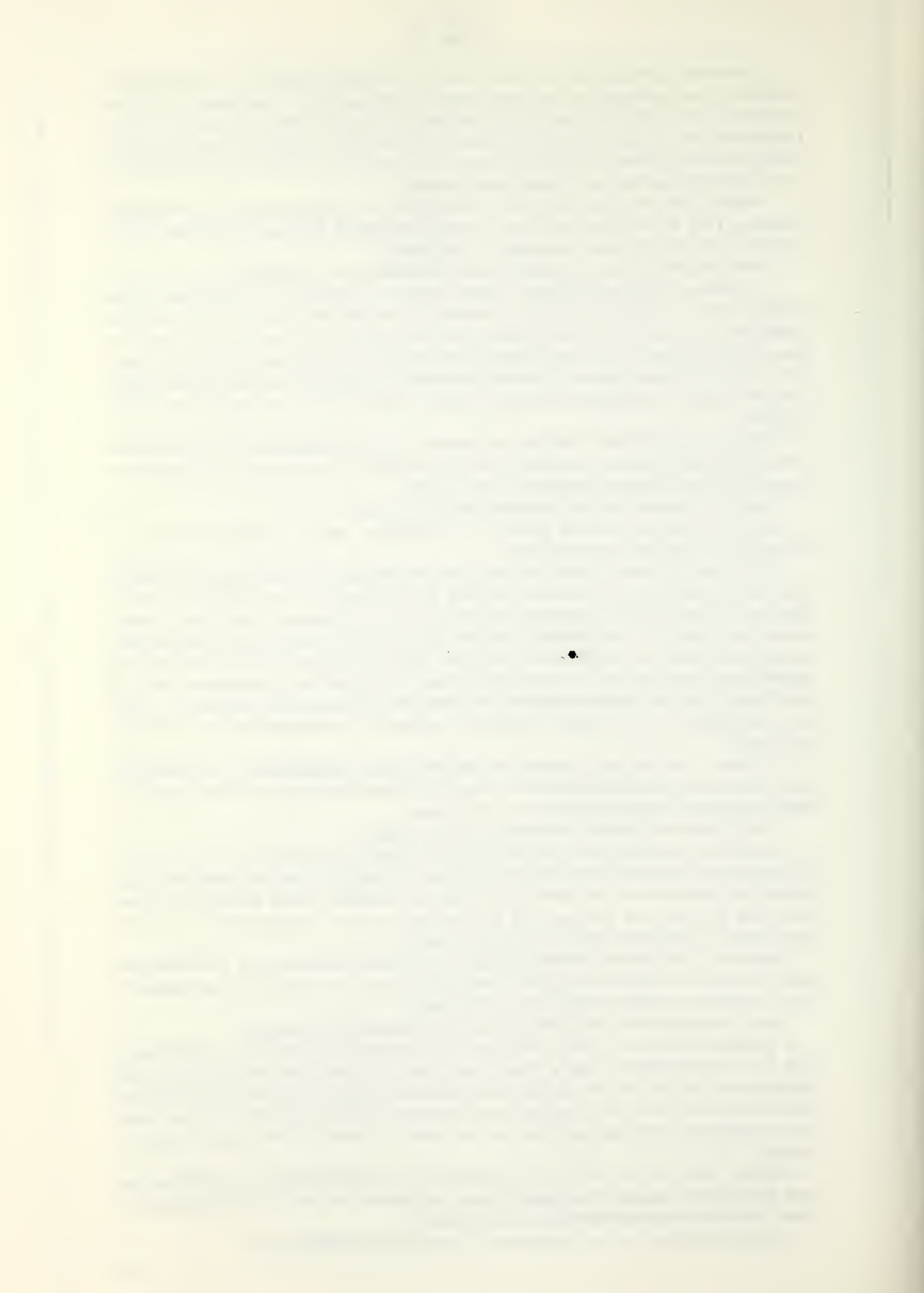
*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And it is referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

A *Petition* of *Daniel Cargill*, of the County of *Charlotte*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, That a Road, convenient to Travellers, runs through the Petitioner's Land in the said County, and crosses the River *Staunton* near his House, where there is no Ferry; and praying that a Ferry may be established from the said Land of the Petitioner, over the said River, to the Land of *Thomas Cobbs*, in the County of *Halifax*.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And it is referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.





A *Petition* of *Richard Jones* was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, That a Ferry from his Land, in the County of *Halifax*, over the River *Dan*, to the Land of *Miles Selden*, Clerk, would be useful to the Public; and praying that an Act may pass for appointing a Ferry at that Place.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Consideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

25 And it is referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Upon a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the several Acts of Assembly prohibiting the tending of Tobacco-Seconds: And that *Mr Starke*, and *Mr Henry Lee*, do prepare and bring in the same.

*Mr Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had, according to Order, had under their Consideration the *Petition* of *Mr John Brickell*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of *Mr Thomas Newton*, to serve as a Burgess in this present General Assembly for the County of *Norfolk*, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Subject-Matter of the said *Petition* be heard before the Committee, on *Tuesday* the 30<sup>th</sup> Instant.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petitioner give to the sitting Member, at least Ten Days before the hearing of the said *Petition*, a List, in Writing, of the Names of the Voters he intends to except to, distinguishing, against each Name, the several Heads of Exception; and that the sitting Member do the like to the Petitioner.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitioner give to the sitting Member, at least Ten Days before the hearing of the said *Petition*, a List, in Writing, of the Persons to whom the sitting Member, or his Friends, gave Money, or other Things, to induce them to vote for the sitting Member, specifying the Sums of Money, and other Things, so given, against such Persons Names, as also the Names of the Persons by whom the same was given.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petitioner give to the sitting Member, at least Ten Days before the hearing of the said *Petition*, a List, in Writing, of the Persons, who, by Tumults and Riots, interrupted the Freedom of the said Election, and prevented any Persons from voting for the Petitioner.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Upon a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee for Religion, that they prepare and bring in a Bill for exempting his Majesty's Protestant Dissenters from the Penalties of certain Laws.

And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

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## Friday, the 12th of May, 9 Geo. III. 1769.

ORDERED, That *Mr Carrington* be added to the Committee for Religion.

Ordered, That *Mr Richard Lee* be added to the Committee of propositions and Grievances.

Upon a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, that they prepare and bring in a Bill to amend an Act, entitled, "*An act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs.*"

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A *Petition* of fundry Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the County of *Charles City*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth the inconvenient Situations of *Kennon's*, and *Swinyard's* Warehouses; and praying that they may be discontinued, and, instead of them, other Warehouses established on the Lands of *Samuel Harwood* the younger, of *Wyam Oak*, on both Sides of *Queen's Creek*, under one Inspection.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A Complaint being made to the House, that, in Breach of the privilege of this House, Mr *Walter Coles* had charged Mr *Nathaniel Terry*, a Member of this House, with having made, when he was High Sheriff of *Halifax*, in the Absence of his Relation, who was Under-Sheriff, several false Entries in his said Under-Sheriff's Books, and also having brought a Suit against his said Deputy, for Monies which appeared by the said Entries to have been received by the said *Nathaniel Terry* himself: And also, that the said *Walter Coles*, since he came to Town, told a Member of the House, that a Horse was taken out of a Pasture, and was tracked about Twenty Miles, and that Mr *Terry* was found upon the Back of the said Horse the following Day:

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee of privileges and Elections, to examine the Matter of the said Complaint, and to report the same with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Petition* of Mr *Theodorick Bland* was presented to the House, and read, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Peter Poythress*, to serve as a Burgess in this present General Assembly, for the County of *Prince George*.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, that the Committee had, according to Order, had under their Consideration fundry *Petitions* to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Hanover*, praying that they may be impowered to export their refused Tobacco, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of fundry Inhabitants of the Parish of *Cornwall*, and County of *Charlotte*, praying Relief against the oppressive Exactions of the Collectors of Public, County, and Parish Levies, is reasonable. 27

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of *Joseph Ligon*, praying that a Ferry may be established from his Land, on the North Side of *Dan River*, in the County of *Halifax*, across the said River, to the Land of *Alexander Roberts*, on the South Side, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of *Richard Jones*, praying that a Ferry may be established from his Land, on the South Side of *Dan River*, in the County of *Halifax*, across the said River, to the Land of *Miles Selden*, Clerk, on the opposite Side, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of *Daniel Cargill*, praying that a Ferry may be established from his Land, on the North Side of *Staunton River*, in the County of *Charlotte*, across the said River, to the Lands of *Thomas Cobbs*, in the County of *Halifax*, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of the Manufacturers of Leather, within this Colony, praying Relief against the Expectation of raw Hides, is reasonable.

*Resolved*





*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Minister and Vestry of *Meherrin* Parish, in the County of *Brunswick*, praying that they may be empowered to sell the Glebe of the said Parish, and to purchase a better and more convenient Glebe, is reasonable.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That Bills be brought in, pursuant to the *second, third, fifth, sixth, and seventh* of the said *Resolutions*, which have been agreed to by the House; and that the Committee of Propositions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had, according to Order, had under their Consideration, several Petitions to them referred and had come to several *Resolutions* thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Robert Higginson*, to be allowed for a Slave, who was outlawed and drowned, is reasonable; and that he ought to be allowed by the Public the Sum of 60*£.* for the said Slave.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Henry Kidd*, to be allowed for a Slave who was committed to the Gaol of *Effex* County, for Felony and Burglary, and, in the Time of his Confinement, got so Frost-bitten, that, notwithstanding all necessary Care was used, he died soon after his Trial, is reasonable; and that he ought to be allowed by the Public the Sum of 60*£.* for the said Slave.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Anthony Street*, to be allowed for a Horse, which died in removing a Criminal to the public Gaol, and for his Expences upon the said Criminal, in his Removal, be rejected.

28 The Two *first* *Resolutions* of the Committee, being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The subsequent *Resolution* of the Committee, being read a second Time;

*Ordered*, That the said *Resolution* be re-committed to the said Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Alexander* be added to the Committee for Religion.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Field*, Gentleman, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that a Runaway Negro Man Slave, belonging to the Petitioner, having been regularly outlawed, and attempting to murder one *Shurles*, was killed by the said *Shurles*, in his own Defence; and praying to be allowed the Value of the said Slave.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Consideration of a Committee; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And it is referred to the Committee of Public Claims.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Lyne* be added to the Committee of Public Claims.

The Order of the Day being read;

*Resolved*, That this House will, upon *Monday* next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the Governor's Speech.

And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

## Saturday, the 13th of May, 9 Geo. III. 1769.

**O**RDERED, That Mr *Peyton*, Mr *Tebbs*, Mr *Simpson*, and Mr *David Mason*, be added to the Committee for Religion.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Tebbs*, Mr *Simpson*, Mr *Cocke*, Mr *David Mason*, Mr *Read*, and Mr *Starke*, be added to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

*Ordered*, That this House be called over upon *Tuesday* next.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had had under their Consideration the Petition of *Roger Dixon*, to them





them referred, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Benjamin Grymes*, and Mr *Peter Marye*, to serve as Burgeffes in this present General Assembly, for the County of *Spotsylvania*, and had agreed upon a Report, and come to a Resolution thereupon; and he read the Report and Resolution in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to the *Committee*, that Mr *Joseph Brock* was appointed Sheriff of the County of *Spotsylvania*, by Commission, dated the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of *October*, 1766, and was sworn into Office, and gave Bond for the due Execution thereof in the said County Court, in or after the Month of *November* following. That a Commission was issued by the President and Commander in Chief, dated the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of *October*, 1768, appointing Mr *John Carter* to be Sheriff of the said County: That his Excellency the Governor arrived in this Colony the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of that Month, and issued a Proclamation, dated the 26<sup>th</sup>, declaring that all Magistrates and Officers, civil and military, should continue and remain in all and singular their Powers, Authority, and Jurisdictions, until further Order should be taken therein. That on the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of *November* following, and not before, the said *Carter* produced the President's Commission to the said County Court, and was sworn into Office, having entered into Bond, with Security, for the due Execution thereof; and, under that Authority, received the Writ for Election of Burgeffes, appointed the Day of Election, and caused Notice thereof to be duly published. That before the Day of Election, the said *Carter* received a Commission to be Sheriff, from his Excellency the Governor, ordered in Council the 5<sup>th</sup>, and dated the 25<sup>th</sup> of *November*, and was duly sworn into the said Office, and the Day after such Qualification, caused the said Election to be made, and returned the fitting Members to have been then and there duly elected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said Election, made in Manner aforesaid, was legal; and that the sitting Members are duly elected.

The said *Resolution* being read a second Time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereunto, by leaving out the Word "legal," and inserting "illegal," and by inserting after "are," the word "not."

Mr *Benjamin Grymes*, and Mr *Marye*, withdrew.

And the said Amendment was, upon the Question put thereupon agreed to by the House.

Then the *Question* being put, That the House do agree with the Committee in the said Resolution, so amended, that the said Election, made in the Manner aforesaid, was illegal; and that the sitting Members are not duly elected.

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

*Ordered*, That an Address be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to issue for the electing of Burgeffes to serve in this present General Assembly, for the County of *Spotsylvania*, in the room of Mr *Benjamin Grymes*, and Mr *Peter Marye*, whose Election was declared illegal; and that Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, and Mr *Thompson Mason*, do wait on his Excellency with the said Address.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had had under their Consideration the Petition of Mr *Theodorick Bland*, to them referred, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Peter Poythrefts*, to serve as a Burgeffs in this Present General Assembly for the County of *Prince George*; and had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Persons who voted at the said Election, whose Freeholds are questioned, either by the Petitioner, or sitting Member, be examined on Oath before *William Allen*, *Walter Peter*, *James Buchanan*, and *James Belfches*, Gentlemen, or any Three of them; or, before *Neill Buchanan*, *Neill Buchanan*, Junior, *Roger Atkinjon*, and *Patrick Ramsay*, or any Three of them, whether they be Freeholders or not, except such of them as did swear to their Freeholds at the said Election.

*Resolved*





*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitioner, and fitting Member, be at Liberty to examine Witneffes before the same Persons, as to the Freehold of any Person, who voted at the said Election, although such Persons swore to their Freeholds at the Election, or shall swear to them at the Examination: And that it be an Instruction to the Persons, before whom such Examinations are taken, to examine how long such Voters have been in Possession of, and paid Quit-Rents for the Lands or Tenements, in right of which they voted at the Election, and that they return the Depositions.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitioner give to the fitting Member, Ten Days Notice of the Time and Place, when and where, he intends to examine his Witneffes: Also a List, in Writing, of the Names of the Voters he intends to except to, distinguishing, against each Name, the several Heads of Exception; and that the fitting Member do the like to the Petitioner.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Subject Matter of the said Petition, be heard before the Committee, on *Thursday* the First Day of *June* next.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Matter, as it appeared to them, touching the Complaint that Mr *Walter Coles* had uttered certain scandalous Words of Mr *Nathaniel Terry*, a Member of this House, in Breach of the Privilege of this House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read: And the House being informed, that Mr *Coles*, when he was before the said Committee, had declared that he had heard other Reports against Mr *Terry*, than what are contained in the said Complaint, equally disadvantageous to his Reputation; and Mr *Terry*, in his Place, desiring that Mr *Coles* might be at Liberty to lay the same before the said Committee:

*Ordered*, That the said Report be re-committed.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be re-committed to the same Committee.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee, that they receive any new Matter which Mr *Coles* shall offer against Mr *Terry*, so as the same be reduced to Writing; and that the said Committee do examine the whole Matter, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Edmund Pendleton* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House, until Monday Se'nnight.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Mercer* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House, for a Fortnight.

Mr *Bland* presented to the House, from the Committee of Correspondence, according to  
 81 Order, the Letters which have passed between the said Committee, and the Agent for this Colony, for the last preceding Five Years, with the Papers referred to in the said Letters.

*Ordered*, That the said Letters and Papers do lie upon the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Lyne* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House, 'til Monday Se'nnight.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Read* be added to the Committee of Public Claims.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Moseley* be added to the Committee of Trade.

*And then the House adjourned till Monday Morning Eleven of the Clock.*

## Monday. the 15th of May. 9 Geo. III. 1769.

**A** Petition of *James Burwell* was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, That he is seized in Fee-Tail, under the Will of his Grandfather, *James Burwell*, deceased, of a Tract of Land, containing Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Acres, situate in the County of *Ile of Wight*. which Lands are of mean Quality; and that it will be an Advantage to the Heir, if the Entail of the said Lands shall be docked, and the same vested in Trustees, to be sold, and the Money arising from





from such Sale, laid out in the Purchase of other Lands and Slaves, to be settled to the same Uses; and praying that an Act of Assembly may pass for that Purpose:

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the said Petition; and that Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House being informed, that the Sheriff of the County of *Charles City*, attended at the Door:

*Ordered*, That he amend the Return of the Writ for electing Burgesses for his County, in the Office: And the same was amended accordingly.

A *Petition* of the Freeholders and Housekeepers of the Parish of *Overwharton*, in the County of *Stafford*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; complaining of sundry illegal Practices, and unwarrantable Proceedings of the Vestry of the said Parish; and praying that the said Vestry may be dissolved.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

Upon a *Motion* made,

*Ordered* That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for suppressing and preventing private Lotteries: And that Mr *Eyre* do prepare and bring in the same.

A *Petition* of several Persons, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that another Inspection of Tobacco, in the Town of *Dumfries*, in the County of *Prince William*, would be of public Utility; and therefore praying that another Inspection may be appointed on the Lots, numbered 171, and 172, 32 in the said Town.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Petition* of sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Augusta*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that *American* Hemp is considerably depreciated by the Negligence of many Persons who make it; and praying that an Act may pass for the Inspection of Hemp, in the same, or some such Manner, as Tobacco is inspected, and that Inspectors Notes, for Hemp, may pass in Payment, for the Discharge of Public, County, and Parish Levies.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Trade; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

*Ordered*, That the Order of the Day, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the Governor's Speech, be discharged.

*Resolved*, That this House will, To-morrow, consider of the present State of the Colony.

*Resolved*, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the present State of the Colony.

*Ordered*, That the Part of the Governor's Speech to the Council, and this House, wherein his Excellency was pleased to say, *I have nothing to ask, but that you consider well, and follow exactly, without Passion or Prejudice, the real Interests of those you have the Honour to represent; they are most certainly consistent with the Prosperity of Great-Britain and so they will for ever be found, when pursued with Temper and Moderation:* be referred to the said Committee.

*Ordered*, That the Letters received by Mr *Speaker*, in Answer to the Letters he had written to the respective Speakers of the Assemblies and Representatives on this Continent, which were ordered to lie upon the Table, be referred to the said Committee.

*Ordered*, That the Letters which have passed between the Committee of Correspondence, and the Agent for this Colony, for the last Five Years, and the Papers referred to by them, which were ordered to lie upon the Table, be referred to the said Committee.

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Mr *Starke* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to repeal the several Acts of Assembly now in Force, prohibiting the tending of Seconds, or Tobacco-Suckers; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

A *Petition* of *John Beasley*, of the County of *Buckingham*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that a Runaway Negro Women Slave of the Petitioner, having been outlawed, was disabled by a Tree which fell upon her as she lay hid, and afterwards was burned to Death; and praying the House to make him such Allowance for the said Negro, as shall seem just and reasonable.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

31 *Ordered*, That Mr *Wood*, and Mr *Edwards*, be added to the Committee of Public Claims.

*Ordered*, That Mr *James Walker*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Robert Munford*, of *Mecklenburg*, Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*, Mr *William Digges*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Benjamin Harrison*, Mr *Washington*, Mr *Cocke*, Mr *Paramore*, Mr *Richard Randolph*, Mr *Nelson*, Mr *Starke*, Mr *Jones*, Mr *John Wilson*, of *Augusta*, and Mr *Richard Lee*, be added to the Committee for Religion.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bolling*, Mr *William Cabell*, and Mr *Richard Lee*, be added to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Glascock* be added to the Committee of Courts of Justice.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Riddick*, and Mr *John Tayloe Corbin*, be added to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Mr *Treasurer* reported, from the Committee for Religion, that the Committee had had under their Consideration, Two *Petitions* to them referred, and had come to several *Resolutions* thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of the Inhabitants of the Parish of *Hamilton*, in the Counties of *Fauquier* and *Prince William* praying a Division thereof, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of the Inhabitants of the Parish of *Cameron*, in the County of *Loudoun*, praying a Division thereof, is reasonable.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That a Bill, or Bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said *Resolutions*; and that the Committee for Religion, do prepare and bring in the same.

A *Petition* of *William Mitchell*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, That, in 1767, the Petitioner, being an Under-Sheriff of *York* County, had collected from the Inhabitants thereof, Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, in Paper Money, for their Poll and Wheel-Taxes, which he intended to pay into the Hands of the Treasurer, and thought he had effectually secured, by locking the same up in a private Drawer of a good Desk; but, that on the Twenty-second Day of *August*, in the same Year, some Person, or Persons, yet undiscovered, breaking open Two Doors of the House wherein the Desk stood, and likewise the Desk, stole thereout the Money aforesaid, which the Petitioner hath never been able to recover; and praying the House to take his unfortunate Case into their Consideration, and act therein as to them shall seem just.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Tuesday







Tuesday, the 16th of May, 9 Geo. III. 1769.

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A Member having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated and subscribed the Test, took his Place in the House.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Priest* was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, That the Petitioner enlisted a Voluntier in Captain *Russell's* Company of Militia, on the Fifteenth Day of *May*, 1764, and continued as a Soldier in the Service till the Fifteenth Day of *December* following, when he was discharged; and that, by some Mistake, he had been allowed Pay for 151 Days only, instead of 215; and therefore praying an Allowance of Pay for the remaining 64 Days of his Service.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Consideration several *Petitions* to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

On Consideration of the *Petition* of *Thomas Fields*, it appears to your Committee, that on the Eleventh Day of *June*, 1768, your Petitioner obtained a legal Outlawry, under the Hands of Two Justices of the Peace of *Prince George* County, against the Run-away Slave *Shropshire*, therein mentioned, which was published once at Two Churches in the Parish of *Bristol*, but at no other in the said County; and that the said Slave was afterwards killed in *Gloucester* County.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said *Petition* is reasonable; and that he ought to be allowed by the Public the Sum of 60*£.* for the said Slave.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of *Benjamin Grub*, to be allowed for the Damages he sustained by the *Virginia* Troops in the Year 1755, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of *John Thomas*, for an Allowance as a Voluntier from this Colony, under Colonel *Bouquet*, on an Expedition against the *Shawanese* and *Delaware* Indians, is reasonable; and that he ought to be allowed by the Public the Sum of 40*£.* as an Acknowledgement of his Merit, and the gallant Behaviour on the said Expedition.

On Consideration of the *Petition* of *Joseph Williams*, it appears to your Committee, by the Testimony of sundry Witneses, that they frequently heard your Petitioner say, that he had been robbed of 150*£.* or thereabouts, which they believe to be true, from the following Circumstances; That his House, Chest and Trunk, where he usually deposited his Money, were, at the Time he first complained of having lost it, broke open: That, 'til that Time, he discharged all Public Demands against him with great Punctuality; and that it does not appear, that at any Time since, he has laid out, or extravagantly expended any considerable Sum.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said *Petition* be rejected.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Mr *Treasurer* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had had under their further Consideration the Complaint against Mr *Walter Coles*, for speaking disrespectful Words of Mr *Nathaniel Terry*, a Member of this House, to them re-committed, and had agreed to a Report, and come to several Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Mr *Walter Coles* having had Notice, appeared before the Committee, and delivered in a Writing in the following Words:





"I most readily acknowledge I have said that Colonel *Terry*, when he was Sheriff of *Halifax*, did undertake to make an Entry in the Book of *Chamneys Terry*, who was his Under-Sheriff, in his Absence, without his Knowledge or Consent. That the Entry was a false one; and, by that Entry, he did endeavor to prejudice the Character of the said *Chamneys*, by accusing him of having received Money, as his Under-Sheriff, which he had never paid to him. I also did tell Colonel *Terry*, in a private Conversation we had in the Morning after I came to Town, that I informed one *Ralph Jackson*, of *Chesterfield* County, did publicly say, that he lost a Horse out of his Pasture; that he hired Two Men to go after him; that they tracked the Horse to the Distance of Twenty odd Miles; and that, when they came up with him, Colonel *Terry* was on the Back of the Horse. And I have since mentioned it to others, but in such Manner, that it could not possibly operate to the Prejudice of Colonel *Terry*; for I told them, it was only a flying Report, and, as such, not to be depended upon."

Whereupon the Committee proceeded to examine several Witnesses; and it appeared to the Committee, that in respect to the first Charge, the Words spoken by Mr *Coles*, were the same as are contained in his Acknowledgment aforesaid: That, in respect to the latter the Words were the same as mentioned in the Information, except, that Mr *Coles* did not speak the Words as of his own Knowledge, but that there was a Report to such Effect.

The said *Walter Coles* then informing the Committee, that he had other Charges against the said Mr *Nathaniel Terry*, delivered in a further Writing in these Words:

"That Colonel *Terry*, by a false Representation of Facts, did obtain an Order from the Court of *Halifax*, to be paid Ten Pounds out of the County Levy, for maintaining a Bridge longer, as he affirmed, than by his Agreement he was obliged to do; but that, some Time after it was further inquired into, and found, that so far from his having maintained it longer, near Two Years of the Time was to expire: Upon which the Order was reversed.

"That Colonel *Terry*, when he was Sheriff of *Halifax*, had an Execution given him against *Perkins*, which Execution he returned served on a Negro and the Negro run away. That it remained in that State for a considerable Time; and Colonel *Terry* never gave the Gentleman, who was appointed to receive the Money, and who made Application for it, although he was in the County regularly every Month, any reason to believe he had got One Shilling of it. At length it was discovered, that near Two Years before, the greatest Part of it had been paid, and a Receipt given for it by a young Man, (*Benjamin Terry*) who, I believe, lived in the House with Colonel *Terry*, and was employed as his Deputy.

"That a Suit was brought in the Court of *Halifax*, against Colonel *Terry*, on his Assumpsit, for using a Stray Horse; and that a Report strongly prevails, that the said *Terry* agreed to pay Two Pistoles to accommodate the Dispute touching the said Horse.

"That I was informed Two Stray Horses were seen tied at Colonel *Terry's*, and a few Days afterwards one of them was branded, either with Colonel *Terry's* Brand, or the Brand of a young Man who lived with him, was his near Relation, and who, on many Occasions, was known to be the said *Terry's* Agent.

"That in the Year 1756, or 1757, when Colonel *Terry* commanded a Ranging Company on the Frontiers, he, with his Company, and others, built Three Forts, and he promised that he would see them well paid. He has since been applied to for the Money, but gave for Answer, he could not get any for them; although it appears from the Schedule referred to, by an Act passed in the 32d Year of the Reign of *George* the Second, entitled, *An Act for the Defence of the Frontiers of this Colony, and for other Purposes, therein mentioned*, that the said *Terry* had received Money for the said Services."

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that as well the said *Walter Coles*, as the fitting Member be at Liberty to examine Witnesses before *Clement Reade*, *Thomas Tunstall*, *William Stokes*, and *Robert Wooding*, Gentlemen, or any Three of them, touching





touching the several Charges of the said Complaint; and that they return the Depositions to this Committee.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said *Walter Coles* give to the sitting Member, Ten Days Notice of the Time and Place, when and where he intends to examine his Witnesses, and that the sitting Member do the like to the said *Walter Coles*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Matter of the said Complaint, be heard before the Committee, on *Monday* the Twelfth Day of *June* next.

The said Resolutions being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The Order of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the present State of the Colony;

*Ordered*, That the Statute made in the Twenty-sixth Year of the Reign of King *Henry* the Eighth, entitled, *An Act whereby Offences be made High Treason, and taking away all Sanctuaries for all Manner of High Treasons*; Also one other Statute, made in the Thirty-fifth Year of the same King's Reign, entitled, *An Act for the Trial of Treasons committed out of the King's Dominions*; And also one other Statute, made in the First and second Years of the Reign of King *Philip*, and Queen *Mary*, Chapter the Tenth, be referred to the said Committee.

Then the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

*Mr Speaker* left the Chair.

*Mr Blair* took the Chair of the Committee.

*Mr Speaker* resumed the Chair.

*Mr Blair* reported, from the Committee, that they had come to several Resolutions; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, viz.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the sole Right of imposing Taxes on the Inhabitants of this his Majesty's Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, is now, and ever hath been, legally and constitutionally vested in the House of Burgesses, lawfully convened according to the ancient and established Practice, with the Consent of the Council, and of his Majesty, the King of *Great-Britain*, or his Governor, for the Time being.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that it is the undoubted Privilege of the Inhabitants of this Colony, to petition their Sovereign for Redress of Grievances; and that it is lawful and expedient to procure the Concurrence of his Majesty's other Colonies, in dutiful Addresses, praying the royal Interposition in Favour of the Violated Rights of *America*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that all Trials for Treason, Misdemeanor of Treason, or for any Felony or Crime whatsoever, committed and done in this his Majesty's said Colony and Dominion, by any Person or Persons residing therein, ought of Right to be had, and conducted in and before his Majesty's Courts, held within the said Colony, according to the fixed and known Course of Proceeding; and that the seizing any Person or Persons, residing in this Colony, suspected of any Crime whatsoever, committed therein, and sending such Person, or Persons, to Places beyond the Sea, to be tried, is highly derogatory of the Rights of *British* Subjects; as thereby the inestimable Privilege of being tried by a Jury from the Vicinage, as well as the Liberty of summoning and producing Witnesses on such Trial, will be taken away from the Party accused.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that an humble, dutiful, and loyal Address, be presented to his Majesty, to assure him of our inviolable Attachment to his sacred Person and Government; and to beseech his royal Interposition, as the Father of all his people, however remote from the Seat of his Empire, to quiet the Minds of his loyal Subjects of this Colony, and to avert from them, those Dangers and Miseries which will ensue, from the seizing and carrying beyond Sea, any Persons residing in *America*, suspected of any Crime whatsoever, to be tried in any other Manner, than by the ancient and long established Course of Proceeding.

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The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time;

*Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,*

That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said *Resolutions*.

Mr Blair also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the present State of the Colony.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker of this House do transmit, without Delay, to the Speakers of the several Houses of Assembly, on this Continent, a Copy of the *Resolutions* now agreed to by this House, requesting their Concurrence therein.

*Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address, to be presented to his Majesty, upon the fourth Resolution of the Committee of the whole House, this Day reported, and agreed to by the House.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr Blair, Mr Richard Henry Lee, Mr Henry, Mr Treasurer, Mr Thompson Mason, and Mr Benjamin Harrison.

*Ordered*, That Mr Johnston have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House, till Thursday Se'nnight.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

### Wednesday, the 17th of May. 9 Geo. III. 1769.

**O**RDERED, That the *Resolutions* of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, in Parliament assembled, and also the Address of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in Parliament assembled, to his Majesty, transmitted to the Committee of Correspondence, by the Agent for this Colony, in his Letters of the 16<sup>th</sup> of December, and 18<sup>th</sup> of February last, be printed in the *Virginia Gazette*.

*Ordered*, That the *Resolutions* of the Committee of the whole House, Yesterday reported to the House, and by them agreed to, be printed in the *Virginia Gazette*.

Mr Blair reported, from the Committee appointed Yesterday, to draw up an Address to be presented to his Majesty, that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read, and is as followeth, viz.

*May it please your Majesty,*

*We, your Majesty's most loyal, dutiful and affectionate Subjects, the House of Burgeesses of this your Majesty's ancient Colony of Virginia, now met in General Assembly, beg Leave, in the humblest Manner, to assure your Majesty, that your faithful Subjects of this Colony, ever distinguished by their Loyalty, and firm Attachment to your Majesty, and your Royal Ancestors, far from countenancing Traitors, Treasons, or Misprison of Treason, are ready, at any Time, to sacrifice our Lives and Fortunes in Defence of your Majesty's sacred Person and Government.*

*It is with the deepest Concern, and most heartfelt Grief, that your Majesty's dutiful Subjects of this Colony, find that their Loyalty hath been traduced, and that those Measures, which a just Regard for the British Constitution (dearer to them than Life) made necessary Duties, have been misrepresented as rebellious Attacks upon your Majesty's Government.*

*When we consider, that by the established Laws and Constitution of this Colony, the most ample Provision is made for apprehending and punishing all those who shall dare to engage in any treasonable Practices against your Majesty, or disturb the Tranquility of Government, we cannot, without Horror, think of the new, unusual, and permit us, with all Humility, to add, unconstitutional and illegal Mode, recommended to your Majesty, of seizing and carrying beyond Sea, the Inhabitants of America, suspected of any Crime; and of trying such Persons in any other Manner than by the ancient and long established Course of*  
Proceeding





*Proceeding: For, how truly deplorable must be the Case of a wretched American, who, having incurred the Displeasure of any one in Power, is dragged from his native Home, and his dearest domestick Connections, thrown into Prison, not to await his Trial before a Court, Jury, or Judges, from a Knowledge of whom he is encouraged to hope for speedy Justice; but to exchange his Imprisonment in his own Country, for Fetters amongst Strangers? Conveyed to a distant Land, where no Friend, no Relation, will alleviate his Distresses, or minister to his Necessities; and where no Witnesses can be found to testify his Innocence; shunned by the reputable and honest, and consigned to the Society and Converse of the wretched and the abandoned; he can only pray that he may soon end his Misery with his Life.*

*Truly alarmed at the fatal Tendency of these pernicious Counsels, and with Hearts filled with Anguish, by such dangerous Invasions of our dearest Privileges, we presume to prostrate ourselves at the Foot of your Royal Throne, beseeching your Majesty, as our King and Father, to avert from your faithful and loyal Subjects of America, those Miseries which must necessarily be the Consequence of such Measures. After expressing our firm Confidence in your Royal Wisdom and Goodness, permit us to assure your Majesty, that the most fervent Prayers of your People of this Colony, are daily addressed to the Almighty, that your Majesty's Reign may be long and prosperous over Great-Britain, and all your Dominions; and that, after Death, your Majesty may taste the fullest Fruition of eternal Bliss, and that a Descendant of your illustrious House may reign over the extended British Empire until Time shall be no more.*

The said Address being read a second Time;

*Resolved, Nemine Contradicente,*

That the House doth agree with the Committee, in the said Address, to be presented to his Majesty.

*Ordered,* That Mr Speaker do transmit the said Address to the Agent for this Colony, with Directions to cause the same to be presented to his Most Excellent Majesty; and afterwards to be printed and published in the *English Papers*.

A *Petition* of sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Albemarle*, resident on the Upper Part of the North Fork of *James River*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that several Persons, near the Mouth of the said River, do stretch Seines across the same, between the Times of their Fishing, which in great Measure hinders the Fish from running up; and that the same Impediment is effected by Stops and Fish-Traps, at several Falls, or Rifts of Rocks, in other Parts of the same River; and praying the House to take some Steps for preventing such Practices.

*Ordered,* That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr *Treasurer* reported, from the Committee for Religion, that the Committee had had under their Consideration, the *Petition* to them referred, of the Inhabitants of the Parish of *Overwharton*, in the County of *Stafford*, praying that the Vestry of the said Parish may be dissolved, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved,* That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said *Petition* be heard before the Committee, on *Wednesday* the Seventh Day of *June* next.

*Resolved,* That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Minister, or Clerk of the said Vestry, be served with a Copy of the said *Petition*, and have Ten Days previous Notice of the Time when the said *Petition* is to be heard before the Committee, and that they, or either of them, give the same Notice to the said Vestry.

*Resolved,* That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Clerk of the said Vestry, do attend the Committee at the Time aforesaid, with the Vestry Books relative to the Subject-Matter of the said *Petition*.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.





A *Petition of John Wagh, Junior*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioner, authorized by a Warrant from the late Lieutenant Governor *Fauquier*, in the Year 1760, having enlisted one *Josephus Philips*, as a Soldier, as he was, agreeable to his Instructions, marching with the said *Josephus Philips*, and other Recruits to join the *Virginia Regiment*, the said *Josephus Philips* was arrested at the Suit of Messieurs *Lenox* and *Scott*, Merchants; and the Petitioner having already advanced Ten Pounds, the Bounty-Money, to the said Soldier, refused to surrender him to the Civil Officer who served the Writ, but delivered him to an Officer in the Regiment, in which he served until he was legally discharged; and, that the said *Lenox* and *Scott* commenced Suit, and recovered Judgment against the Petitioner, for their Demand against the said *Philips*, amounting, with Costs, to upwards of Twenty-five Pounds; and praying that he may be allowed the Ten Pounds Bounty Money, paid to the said *Philips*, which he would have been reimbursed, if he had delivered up the said Recruit.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

41 A *Petition of Thomas Talbutt*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioner having, for the Consideration of 1150*£*. purchased a Parcel of Land, with Two Storehouses thereon, on the East Side of the County Gaol, in the Borough of *Norfolk*, and adjoining the public Land, laid out a Street, Twenty-six Feet wide, from off the said Land, running from the main Street to the Creek, and leading thence, over the Bridge, to the back Inhabitants of the said Borough, which is very advantageous and convenient to the Public; and that, by a Survey lately made, it being discovered that the Storehouses aforesaid are chiefly on the Public Land, the Petitioner treated with the County Court of *Norfolk*, for the Purchase of so much of the Public Land, as is sufficient to secure to him his said Storehouses; and the said County Court are willing, and agree that a Title may be made to him accordingly, on his paying a Consideration for the same; and therefore praying this House to confirm the said Agreement.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Consideration, Two Petitions to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Middlesex County*, praying that their Court Day may be altered to the Fourth Monday in every Month, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Accomack County*, praying that an Act may pass to oblige the said Inhabitants to kill, annually, a certain Number of Crows and Squirrels for each Tithable, is reasonable.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That Bills be brought in, pursuant to the said Resolutions; and that the Committee of Propositions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the same.

Upon a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to lay an additional Duty on Slaves; and that the Committee of Propositions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the same.

A *Petition of Thomas Boulden* was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioner, some Years ago, was directed by certain Trustees of the Public, to deliver to sundry Persons a Quantity of Corn, which was provided for Relief of the People in a Time of Scarcity, in which Service the Petitioner was at considerable Trouble and Expence; and praying the House to make him a reasonable Allowance.

*Ordered*





*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Petition* of the Inhabitants of the County of *Brunswick*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioners, by the Laws now in Force, cannot discharge their Public, County, and Parish Dues, and Officers Fees, in Tobacco Notes, of any Inspection lower down *James River* than *Cabin-Point*, which is very inconvenient to the Petitioners; and therefore praying that an Act may pass, that all Tobacco Notes, on the Warehouses from *Milner's*, in *Nansemond* County, to *Bolling's Point* on *Appomattox*, may be payable for all Public, County, and Parish Dues, and for all officers Fees, owing from the said Inhabitants. 42

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A Message from the Governor, by Mr *Walthoe*;

Mr *Speaker*,

*The Governor commands the immediate Attendance of your House in the Council Chamber.*

Accordingly, Mr *Speaker*, with the House, went up to attend the Governor in the Council Chamber; where his Excellency was pleased to say to them:

"Mr *Speaker*, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgessees,  
I have heard of your Resolves, and augur ill of their Effect: You have made it my Duty to dissolve you; and you are dissolved accordingly.



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| Accomack       | Thomas Parramore<br>Southey Simpfon     | Goochland                   | John Woodfon<br>Thomas Mann Randolph     |
| Albemarle      | Thomas Walker<br>Thomas Jefferfon       | Halifax                     | Nathaniel Terry<br>Walter Coles          |
| Amelia         | †Thomas Tabb<br>John Winn               | Hampshire                   | Abraham Hite<br>James Mercer             |
| Amherft        | William Cabell, Jr.<br>Cornelius Thomas | Hanover                     | William Macon, Jr.<br>Patrick Henry, Jr. |
| Augufta        | Gabriel Jones<br>John Wilfon            | Henrico                     | Richard Randolph<br>Richard Adams        |
| Bedford        | John Talbot<br>*Charles Lynch           | Isle of Wight               | Richard Baker<br>James Bridger           |
| Botetourt      | *William Prefton<br>*John Bowyer        | James City                  | Lewis Burwell<br>Robert Carter Nicholas  |
| Brunfwick      | Nathaniel Edwards, Jr.<br>Thomas Stith  | Jameftown<br>King and Queen | Champion Travis<br>William Lync          |
| Buckingham     | Joſeph Cabell<br>Benjamin Howard        | King George                 | John Taylor Corbin<br>Charles Carter     |
| Caroline       | Edmund Pendleton<br>Walker Taliaferro   | King William                | William Robinfon<br>Carter Braxton       |
| Charles City   | Benjamin Harrifon<br>William Acrill     | Lancafter                   | Bernard Moore<br>Richard Mitchell        |
| Charlotte      | Iſaac Read<br>Paul Carrington           | Loudoun                     | Charles Carter<br>Francis Peyton         |
| Chefterfield   | Archibald Cary<br>Edward Ofborne        | Louifa                      | James Hamilton<br>Thomas Johnfon         |
| The College    | John Blair, Jr.                         | Lunenburg                   | *Richard Anderfon<br>Thomas Pettus       |
| Culpeper       | Henry Pendleton<br>Henry Field, Jr.     | Mecklenburg                 | Lodowick Farmer<br>Matthew Marrable      |
| Cumberland     | John Mayo<br>Alexander Trent            | Middlefex                   | Robert Munford<br>Philip Ludwell Grymes  |
| Dinwiddie      | Bolling Starke<br>John Banifter         | Nanfemond                   | Gawin Corbin<br>Lemuel Riddick           |
| Elizabeth City | James Wallace<br>Wilfon Miles Cary      | New Kent                    | Benjamin Baker<br>William Baſſett        |
| Effex          | William Roane<br>James Edmondſon.       | Norfolk                     | William Clayton<br>Thomas Newton, Jr.    |
| Fairfax        | George Waſhington<br>John Weft          | Norfolk Borough             | John Wilfon<br>Joſeph Hutchings          |
| Fauquier       | James Scott<br>Thomas Marfhall          | Northampton                 | John Burton<br>Severn Eyre               |
| Frederick      | Robert Rutherford<br>James Wood         | Northumberland              | Spencer Mottrom Ball<br>Samuel Efkrigde  |
| Gloucefter     | Lewis Burwell<br>Thomas Whiting         |                             |                                          |

\*Not ſhown by the Journal to have been preſent during the Aſſembly.

†Died during the ſeſſion of Aſſembly.



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| Orange         | James Walker<br>Thomas Barbour                  | Spotsylvania | Benjamin Grymes<br>Roger Dixon    |
| Pittsylvania   | John Donelfon<br>Hugh Innes                     | Stafford     | John Alexander<br>Thomson Mafon   |
| Prince Edward  | Thomas Scott<br>Paschall Greenhill              | Surry        | Hartwell Cocke<br>Thomas Bailey   |
| Prince George  | Richard Bland<br>Peter Poythrefts               | Suffex       | David Mafon<br>John Edmonds       |
| Prince William | Henry Lee<br>Foushee Tebbs                      | Warwick      | William Harwood<br>William Digges |
| Princes Anne   | Edward Hack Mofeley, Jr.<br>John Ackifs         | Westmoreland | Richard Henry Lee<br>Richard Lee  |
| Richmond       | Robert Wormeley Carter<br>Francis Lightfoot Lee | Williamfburg | Peyton Randolph<br>Dudley Digges  |
| Southampton    | Edwin Gray<br>Henry Taylor                      | York         | Thomas Nelson, Jr.                |





By his Excellency the Right Honourable Norborne Baron de Botetourt, his Majesty's Lieutenant and Governour General of the said colony and dominion, and Vice Admiral of the same.

### A PROCLAMATION.

Virginia. to wit:

Whereas, the General Affembly was summoned to meet on *Thursday* the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month, and as I find no urgent occasion for the said Affembly's meeting at that time, I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of his Majesty's Council, by this proclamation in his Majesty's name, to prorogue the said Affembly to the 7<sup>th</sup> day of *November* next: At which time their attendance is required at the Capitol, for dispatch of public businefs.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the Colony, at *Williamsburg*, this seventh day of *September*, 1769, and in the ninth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the *THIRD*.

Botetourt.



His Excellency **Norborne** Baron de **Botetourt**  
His Majesty's Lieutenant and Governour General of the  
Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and Vice Admiral  
of the Same.

## A PROCLAMATION.

**Virginia.** to wit:

To *John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, Phillip Ludwell Lee, John Taylor, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton, Robert Burwell, George William Fairfax, and John Page* Esquires.

KNOW YE that by virtue of the Powers and Authorities to me Granted by His Majesty, I DO hereby authorize and Impower you the said *John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, Phillip Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton, Robert Burwell, George William Fairfax* and *John Page* or any two of you to Administer the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy the Oath appointed to be taken by an Act of Parliament made in the sixth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty King *GEORGE* the Third entituled "An Act for altering the Oath of abjuration and the Affurance and for amending so much of an Act of the Seventh Year of Her late Majesty Queen *ANNE*, entituled, An Act for the Improvement of the Union of the two Kingdoms as after the Time therein limited requires the delivery of certain Lists and Copies therein mentioned to Persons Indicted of High Treason or Misprision of Treason" as also the Test to all such Persons as are or shall be returned to serve in this present General Assembly as Burgeesses as also to the Clerk of the House of Burgeesses or Clerk of any of the Committees of the said House that shall be appointed during the Session and to Cause them to Subscribe the said last mentioned Oath as also the Test, and to Administer the Oath of Clerk to the Clerk of the said House and also to the Clerk or Clerks of Committees.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Colony at *Williamsburg* the sixth Day of *November*, One thousand seven hundred and sixty nine. In the Tenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King *GEORGE* the Third.

**Botetourt.**





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**G**ENERAL ASSEMBLY, begun and held at the Capitol, in the City of Williamsburg, on Tuesday, the Seventh Day of November, in the Tenth Year of the Reign of our Lord GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of GOD, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoque Domini, 1769.

On which Day, being the First Day of the Meeting of this General Assembly for the Dispatch of Public Business, pursuant to a Proclamation hereunto annexed, and also to the Writs which had issued for that Purpose, his Excellency the Right Honourable Norborne, Baron de Botetourt, his Majesty's Lieutenant and Governor-General of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and Vice Admiral of the same, having made a Commission under his Hand, and the Seal of the Colony, hereunto also annexed, empowering the Honourable John Blair, William Nelson, Thomas Nelson, Richard Corbin, William Byrd, Philip Ludwell Lee, John Tayloe, Robert Carter, Presley Thornton, Robert Burwell, George William Fairfax, and John Poge, Esquires, to administer the Oaths appointed to be taken by the Members, returned to serve in the General Assembly, before they go into the House of Burgesses; several of the said Commissioners came about Ten of the Clock, into the Council Chamber, where the said Oaths are usually taken; and George Wythe, Clerk of the House of Burgesses, attending according to his Duty, with a Book, containing  
 2 a List of the Names of such Members as had been returned to serve in this General Assembly, delivered to him by the Clerk of the Secretary's Office, the said Commissioners administered the said Oaths to such of the said Members of the House of Burgesses, as appeared: Which being done, the Members repaired to their Seats in the House of Burgesses; after which a Message was delivered by Nathaniel Walthoe, Esq; Clerk of the General Assembly.

*Gentlemen,*

*The Governor commands this House to attend his Excellency immediately, in the Council-Chamber.*

Accordingly the House went up to attend his Excellency in the Council-Chamber, where his Excellency was pleased to say to them:

*Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses,*

*You must return again to your House, and immediately proceed to the Choice of a Speaker.*

And the House being returned,

Archibald Cary, Esq; one of the Members for the County of Chesterfield, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down) put the House in Mind of the Governor's Commands to proceed to the Choice of a Speaker, and moved that Peyton Randolph, Esq; whose Abilities were too well known, to require an Enlargement upon them, should take the Chair of this House, as Speaker; And, thereupon

Mr Randolph was elected without Opposition, and was taken out of his Place by Two Members, who led him from thence to the Chair; and, having ascended the uppermost



most Step, and standing there, Mr *Randolph* returned his Thanks to the House for the very great Honour he was dignified with, in the Appointment of him to that Office, by an Assembly so justly and eminently distinguished for their Love of Liberty, and for an invariable Attention to the true Interest of their Country; and professed entire Devotion to the Service of the House, and the arduous Duties of his Station, relying on the experienced Benignity of the House for their Assistance, and for a favorable Interpretation of his Conduct.

And thereupon he sat down in the Chair; and then the Mace (which before lay under the Table) was laid upon the Table.

*Ordered*, That a Message be sent to the Governor, to acquaint his Excellency, that this House, in Obedience to his Commands, have made Choice of a Speaker, and to know his Pleasure, when they shall attend to present him; and that Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Riddick*, and Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, do wait on him with the said Message.

They accordingly withdrew, and being returned, Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, that the Governor was pleased to say, he would send an Answer by a Messenger of his own.

A Message from the Governor, by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

*The Governor commands this House to attend his Excellency immediately in the Council-Chamber.*

Accordingly Mr *Speaker* Elect, with the House, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council-Chamber; and he was pleased to declare his Approbation of their Choice. Then Mr *Speaker* did, in the Name, and on the Behalf of the House, lay claim to all of their ancient Rights and Privileges, particularly a Freedom of Speech and Debate, Exemption from Arrests, and Protection for their Estates; and, lastly, for himself, requested that his Errors might not be imputed to the House. <sup>3</sup>

The Governor answered, that he should take Care to defend them in all their just Rights and Privileges.

The House being returned;

Mr *Speaker* reported, that the House had attended the Governor in the Council-Chamber, where his Excellency was pleased to approve the Choice they had made of him to be their Speaker, and to grant and allow to them, upon Petition of Claim made by him to his Excellency, in the Name and on the Behalf of the House of Burgeesses, all their ancient Rights and Privileges; particularly a Freedom of Speech and Debate, Exemption from Arrests, and Protection for their Estates.

Mr *Speaker* also reported, that the Governor was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and this House; of which, Mr *Speaker* said, he had, to prevent Mistakes, obtained a Copy; which he read to the House, and is as followeth, viz.

*Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeesses,*

*I have again received the King's Commands to meet you in General Assembly for the Dispatch of the Public Business of this Dominion, and I hope I need not observe to you that this will be best done by Temper and Moderation.*

*I assure you that I shall obey my Royal Master's Commands with the truest Satisfaction, by concurring with you in such Measures as may best promote the Happiness of his Majesty's Subjects in Virginia.*

*Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeesses,*

*The King having been graciously pleased at our earnest Desire, to refer to his Board of Trade to re-consider the Boundary Line betwixt this Colony and the Cherokees, which had been agreed to by that Board, I am directed to acquaint you that in Consequence of that Reference and Reconsideration, a Report has been made in Favour of a more extended Boundary, and that his Majesty will consent to the proposed Alteration, upon Condition that the Colony will make Provision to defray the Expence of the Negotiation necessary for that Purpose. . . . . I have it therefore in Command from his Majesty to ask of his*  
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House of Burgeffes, to enable him to carry into immediate and compleat Execution, that very desirable Object.

The proposed Alteration, together with a Rate of the Expence which I am told will necessarily attend it, shall be immediately laid before you.

I must likewise beg your Attention to many alarming Reports which have been received from the Frontier Counties of this Colony: I will lay the whole before you, with a State of every Thing which has been done in Consequence of those Accounts, and shall be supremely happy if you can suggest to me any Mode of Proceeding by which the sacred Laws of our Country may again recover that free Course, which can alone give Permanence and security to this respectable Government.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes.

I think myself peculiarly fortunate to be able to inform you that in a Letter dated May the 13<sup>th</sup>, I have been assured by the Earl of Hillsborough, that his Majesty's present Administration have at no Time entertained a Design to propose to Parliament to lay any further Taxes upon America for the Purpose of raising a Revenue, and that it is their intention to propose in the next Session of Parliament, to take off the Duties upon Glafs, Paper, and Colours, upon Consideration of such Duties having been laid contrary to the true Principles of Commerce.

It may possibly be objected that, as his Majesty's present Administration are not immortal, their Successors may be inclined to attempt to undo what the present Ministers shall have attempted to perform; and to that Objection I can give but this Answer, that it is my firm Opinion that the Plan I have stated to you will certainly take Place, and that it will never be departed from, and so determined am I for ever to abide by it, that I will be content to be declared infamous, if I do not to the last Hour of my Life, at all Times, in all Places, and upon all Occasions, exert every Power with which I either am or ever shall be legally invested, in order to obtain and maintain for the Continent of America that Satisfaction which I have been authorized to promise this Day, by the Confidential Servants of our Gracious Sovereign, who, to my certain Knowledge, rates his honour so high, that he would rather part with his Crown than preserve it by Deceit.

Resolved, That a most humble and dutiful Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, returning the Thanks of this House for his very kind and affectionate Speech;

Declaring our most unalterable and inviolable Attachment to the sacred Person and Government of our Royal Sovereign; expressing our Gratitude for his Majesty's paternal Attention to the Prosperity and Happiness of his American Subjects, in his most gracious Purposes communicated by his Lordship, and our firm Trust and Confidence that the same Wisdom and Goodness, which have already induced his Majesty favourably to regard the humble Entreaties of his faithful and loyal Subjects in America, will still further incline the Royal Breast to an Exertion of his Majesty's most gracious and benign Influence, towards perfecting the Happiness of all his People;

Affuring his Lordship that we will immediately take under our most serious Consideration, the important Business which he hath been pleased to recommend; proceed in it with that Temper and Moderation, which is necessary to give Weight and Dignity to our Deliberations; and that we shall think ourselves supremely happy, if, in conducting the arduous and momentous Business of this great Country, we should, in the End, receive the Approbation of a Ruler we so very cordially honour and esteem.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address, to be presented to the Governor, upon the said Resolution.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr Treasurer, and Mr Edmund Pendleton.

Ordered, That the Governor's Speech, to the Council and this House, be referred to the said Committee.

Mr Speaker acquainted the House, that the Governor had delivered to him a Writing, entituled, *Alteration in the Boundary Line betwixt Virginia and the Cherokees*, and desired him to lay it before the House.

And





And he delivered the Writing in at the Clerk's Table.

*Ordered*, That the said Writing do lie upon the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

*Resolved*, That the Governor's Speech be taken into Consideration upon *Thursday* next.

*Resolved*, That this House will, upon *Thursday* next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into Consideration the Governor's Speech.

*Ordered*, That the Reverend Mr *Thomas Price* be appointed Chaplain to this House, and that he attend to read Prayers every Morning at Nine o'Clock.

*Ordered*, That the Treasurer do go to the Council, and acquaint them, that the Reverend Mr *Thomas Price* is appointed Chaplain to this House, and that he will attend to read Prayers, at Nine of the Clock, every Morning, in the House.

*Ordered*, That *James Lavie*, *Robert Hyland*, *William Hicks*, and *John Creagh*, be appointed Door-Keepers to this House, and that they give their attendance accordingly.

*Ordered*, That a Committee for Religion be appointed.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Treasurer*, Mr *Mercer*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Braxton*, Mr *Charles Carter of Lancaster*, Mr *Blair*, Mr *West*, Mr *Wallace*, Mr *Gavin Corbin*, Mr *Wilson Miles Cary*, Mr *Harwood*, Mr *Lewis Burwell of Gloucester*, Mr *Jones*, Mr *John Wilson of Augusta*, Mr *Richard Lee*, Mr *Washington*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Henry Lee*, Mr *Hutchings*, Mr *Thomson Mason*, Mr *Alexander*, Mr *Lewis Burwell of James City*, Mr *Carrington*, Mr *Peyton*, Mr *Simpson*, Mr *David Mason*, Mr *Johnson*, Mr *William Digges*, Mr *Harrison*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Cocke*, Mr *Nelson*, Mr *Starke*, Mr *Moore*, Mr *Mitchell*, Mr *Mayo*, Mr *Hile*, Mr *Donelson* and Mr *Innes*. And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take under their Consideration all Matters and Things relating to Religion and Morality, and all such as shall be from Time to Time referred to them, and report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, to the House: And the said Committee are to have the Power to send for Persons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

*Ordered*, That a Committee of Privileges and Elections be appointed:

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Treasurer*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Harrison*, Mr *Lewis Burwell of James City*, Mr *William Digges*, Mr *Washington*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Charles Carter of Lancaster*, Mr *Blair*, Mr *Henry Lee*, Mr *Thomson Mason*, Mr *Mercer*, Mr *Carrington*, Mr *Jones*, Mr *Jefferson*, Mr *William Cabell*, Mr *Richard Lee*, Mr *Riddick*, Mr *Francis Lightfoot Lee*, and Mr *Banister*. And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to examine in the first Place, all returns of Writs for electing Burgeesses to serve in this present General Assembly, and compare the same with the Form prescribed by Law, and to take into their Consideration all such Matters as shall or may come in Question, touching Returns, Elections, and Privileges, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, from Time to Time, to the House: And the said Committee are to have Power to send for Persons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

*Resolved*, That in all Cases of controverted Elections to be heard at the Bar of this House, or before the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Petitioners do, by themselves, or by their Agents, within a convenient Time to be appointed, either by the House, or the Committee of Privileges and Elections, as the Matter to be heard shall be, before the House, or the said Committee, deliver to the sitting Members, or their Agents, Lifts of the Persons intended by the Petitioners to be objected to, who voted for the sitting Members, giving, in the said Lifts, the several Heads of Objection, and distinguishing the same against the Names of the Voters excepted to; and that the sitting Members do, by themselves, or their Agents, within the same Time, deliver the like Lifts on their Part, to the Petitioners or their Agents.

*Ordered*, That a Committee of Propositions and Grievances be appointed.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Bland*, Mr *Treasurer*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Harrison*, Mr *William Digges*, Mr *Lewis Burwell of James City*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Harwood*, Mr *Nelson*, Mr *Washington*, Mr

*West*





*West, Mr John Wilfon of Augusta, Mr Braxton, Mr Wilfon Miles Cary, Mr Blair, Mr Baffett, Mr Henry Lee, Mr Charles Carter of King George, Mr Robinson, Mr Charles Carter of Lancaster, Mr William Cabell, Mr Riddick, Mr Thomson Mafon, Mr Gavin Corbin, Mr Alexander, Mr Carrington, Mr Jefferson, Mr Mercer, Mr Ball, Mr Wood, Mr Clayton, Mr Hutchings, Mr Newton, Mr Jones, Mr Richard Lee, Mr Adams, Mr Philip Ludwell Grymes, Mr Cocke, Mr David Mafon, Mr Simpson, Mr Read, Mr Starke, Mr John Tayloe Corbin, Mr Richard Baker, Mr Robert Wormeley Carter, Mr Moore, Mr Francis Lightfoot Lee, Mr Edwards, Mr Taliaferro, Mr Moseley, Mr Roane, Mr Johnson, Mr Banister, and Mr Dixon.* And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Consideration all Propositions and Grievances that fhall come legally certified to this Affembly, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, from Time to Time, to the Houfe; and all fuch Propositions and Grievances are to be delivered to the Clerk of the Houfe, and by him to the faid Committee of Courfe. And the faid Committee are to have Power to fend for Perfons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

*Ordered, That a Committee of Public Claims be appointed.*

And a Committee was appointed of *Mr Archibald Cary, Mr Richard Lee, Mr Newton, Mr David Mafon, Mr Bridger, Mr Cocke, Mr Harwood, Mr Simpson, Mr Richard Baker, Mr Roane, Mr Read, Mr West, Mr Woodfon, Mr Starke, Mr Wallace, Mr Adams, Mr Poythrefs, Mr Johnson, Mr Hite, Mr John Wilfon of Norfolk, Mr Edwards, Mr Bailey, Mr Ackifs, Mr Osborne, Mr Marable, Mr James Scott, Mr Gray, Mr Taylor, Mr Thomas Scott, Mr Henry Pendleton, Mr Barbour, Mr Howard, Mr Thomas, and Mr Stith.* And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Consideration all public Claims referred from the laft to this Seflion of Affembly, and alfo all fuch Claims as fhall be regularly certified and prefented to this Seflion, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houfe, when they have gone through the faid Claims. And all Perfons that have any Claims, are to deliver them to the faid Committee of Courfe; and they are to have Power to fend for Perfons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

*Ordered, That a Committee for Courts of Juftice be appointed.*

And a Committee was appointed of *Mr Richard Henry Lee, Mr Bailey, Mr Thomas, Mr Moseley, Mr Lewis Burwell of Gloucefter, Mr Stith, Mr Howard, Mr Barbour, Mr Henry Pendleton, Mr Macon, Mr Woodfon, Mr John Tayloe Corbin, Mr Gray, Mr Taylor, Mr Peyton, Mr Philip Ludwell Grymes, Mr Thomas Mann Randolph, Mr Field, Mr Greenhill, Mr Dixon, Mr Edmondfon, and Mr Marable.*

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Consideration all Matters relating to Courts of Juftice, and fuch other Matters as fhall, from Time to Time, be referred to them, and report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon to the Houfe. And the faid Committee are to inspect the Journals of the laft Seflion, and draw up a State of the Matters then depending and undetermined, and the Progreffs that was made therein, and report the fame to the Houfe; and alfo examine what Laws have expired fince the laft Seflion, and inspect fuch temporary Laws as will expire with the End of this Seflion, or are near expiring; and report the fame to the Houfe, with their Opinions, which of them are fit to be revived and continued. And the faid Committee are to have Power to fend for Perfons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

*Ordered, That a Committee of Trade be appointed.*

And a Committee was appointed of *Mr Harrifon, Mr Hutchings, Mr Newton, Mr Braxton, Mr Adams, Mr John Wilfon of Norfolk, Mr Osborne, Mr Mayo, Mr Thomas Scott, Mr Ackifs, Mr Donelson, Mr Innes, Mr Moseley, Mr Edwards, Mr Winn, Mr Benjamin Baker, Mr Eskridge, Mr Mitchell, Mr Pettus, and Mr Farmer.* And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Consideration all Things relating to the Trade of this Colony, and all Matters that fhall be; from Time to Time, to them referred; and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houfe. And the faid Committee are to have Power to fend for Perfons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

*Resolved*





*Resolved*, That Eleven of the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, Seven of the Committee of Privileges and Elections, and Five of any other Committee, be a sufficient Number to make a Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Richard Cary* be appointed Clerk to the Committee for Religion, and the Committee of Trade; Mr. *Richard Starke* Clerk to the Committees of Privileges and Elections, and Propositions and Grievances; Mr *Hind Russell* Clerk to the Committee of Claims; and Mr *Thomas Everard* Clerk to the Committee for Courts of Justice.

*And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.*

## Wednesday. the 8th of November. 10 Geo. III. 1769.

SEVERAL other Members having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated and subscribed the Test, took their Places in the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Whiting*, Mr *Thomas Walker*, and Mr *Henry*, be added to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Whiting*, Mr *Trent*, Mr *Acrill*, Mr *Thomas Walker*, and Mr *Henry*, be added to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Acrill* and Mr *Henry* be added to the Committee for Religion.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Whiting*, Mr *Trent*, and Mr *Acrill*, be added to the Committee of Trade.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Trent*, Mr *Thomas Walker*, and Mr *John Tayloe Corbin*, be added to the Committee of Public Claims.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had had under their Consideration the Returns of the several Writs for electing Burgesses to serve in this present General Assembly, and had come to several Resolutions, and agreed upon a Report thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the same were read, and are as followeth, viz.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Returns of the several Writs for electing Burgesses for the Counties of *Accomack*, *Albermarle*, *Augusta*, *Brunswick*, *Caroline*, *Charles City*, *Charlotte*, *Chesterfield*, *Cumberland*, *Dinwiddie*, *Elizabeth City*, *Effex*, *Gloucester*, *Hanover*, *James City*, *King and Queen*, *Loudoun*, *Middlesex*, *Mecklenburg*, *Northampton*, *Northumberland*, *Orange*, *Pittsylvania*, *Prince Edward*, *Prince George*, *Princess Anne*, *Richmond*, *Southampton*, *Stafford*, *Suffex*, *Warwick*, and *Westmoreland*, and for the College, the Borough of *Norfolk*, and the City of *Williamsburg*, are made in the Form prescribed by Law.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Returns of the several Writs for electing Burgesses for the Counties of *Amelia*, *Amherst*, *Buckingham*, *Culpeper*, *Fairfax*, *Fauquier*, *Goochland*, *Hampshire*, *Henrico*, *Isle of Wight*, *King George*, *King William*, *Lancaster*, *Lowisa*, *Nansemond*, *New-Kent*, *Norfolk*, *Spotsylvania*, *Surry* and *York*, are not made in the Form prescribed by Law.

Your Committee further beg leave to inform the House, that the Sheriff of *James City* hath made the following Return, on the Writ for electing a Burgess for *James-Town*, "By Virtue of this Writ to me directed, I did make lawful Publication thereof, and did appoint Friday, the eighth Day of September, for the Election of a Burgess, but was prevented attending at the Place appointed, on account of its being an uncommon rainy and blustering Day."

Also that the Sheriff of *Halifax* hath made the following Return, on the Writ for electing Burgesses for the said County.

"Upon receipt of the Writ hereunto annexed, which came to my Hands the eighteenth Day of August last, I caused Copies thereof, endorsed with an Appointment of the Election





to be on Friday the fifteenth of September following, at the Court-House, to be delivered to the Minister of the Parish in my County, and to the several Readers at Difficult Church, and Allen's Church, on or before the Sunday next after I received the said Writ, and at the same Time, sent another Copy, with the like Endorsement, to the Reader at Boyd's Church; but he was not there that Day, as I was informed, and the succeeding Sunday the Minister attended at the last mentioned Church himself.

"In order that the Election might be peaceably and fairly conducted, I acquainted M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Terry, M<sup>r</sup> Walter Coles and M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Coles, three of the declared Candidates, and many other Persons, a Fortnight at least before the Day, that I would open the Poll by the Hour of eight of the Clock in the Morning, and explained to them my Reason for beginning so early; and desired M<sup>r</sup> Terry to inform M<sup>r</sup> Lewis, the other Candidate, therewith, which M<sup>r</sup> Terry said he would do, if he had an Opportunity. I imagined an early Election would prevent the Confusion and Inconvenience which attended the last; for that being deferred til near the Middle of the Day, by the Throng of the Electors crowding in, the Poll was several Times necessarily interrupted. On the Day appointed, I did not begin at Eight of the Clock precisely, lest I should appear too exact, although Messieurs Walter and Isaac Coles urged me to do so; but at or about Five Minutes after Nine o'Clock, I informed the Candidates, who were all present, that I would then open the Poll, and proceed to the Election, near Half the Electors, in my opinion, if not more, being in and about the Court Yard. M<sup>r</sup> Terry asked me why I would not wait till the usual time? I told him that I had acquainted him with my Reason for beginning so soon. M<sup>r</sup> Lewis said he believed I had no Power to begin when I would. I answered, that I thought it was in my Power to begin when it appeared to be a proper Time, which I conceived that to be; and told both the Gentlemen I had no other Design than that the Election might be in a fair and peaceable Manner, and that I would keep the Poll open till Sunset, if any one required it; upon which M<sup>r</sup> Lewis seemed to be satisfied, and said nothing more on that Subject, as I heard, except acknowledging, that he had Notice of my Design to have an early Election, and that he and his Clerk were ready. M<sup>r</sup> Terry then objected, that I ought to have provided a Clerk to take a Poll for him. I confess I had not employed any one to do that Office, the Candidates themselves having usually chosen their Clerks. I told M<sup>r</sup> Terry, if he had desired me, I would have provided a Clerk for him, and that, if he required me to do so I would then procure one, which I could easily have done. Several Persons then said publicly, in M<sup>r</sup> Terry's hearing, that M<sup>r</sup> Terry's Clerk, John Cox, was at the Table in the Court-House, ruling the Columns in the Poll, for the Electors Names; upon which I said, I would read the Writ: And having it open in my Hands for that Purpose, M<sup>r</sup> Terry came to me, his Coat and his Waistcoat being stripped off, and his Collar Open, and holding up a large Stick, threatened to cane me, and declared, if I attempted to read the Writ, he would split me down, and did aim, and endeavour several Times to strike me, as I was about to read the Writ (according to what I thought my Duty) with his Stick, which, the Blows being warded off by People between us, did not touch my Person, that I remember, but fell upon the Writ in my Hands. Immediately after this such a Tumult ensued, and the Electors were in such a Temper, and so disorderly, and some of them drank of spirituous Liquors to such Excess, that I was convinced a fair Election could not have been made afterwards on that Day: And therefore I declined proceeding further."

The said Resolutions and Report being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Returns of the several Writs for electing Burgeffes for the Counties in the last Resolution mentioned, be amended by the Clerk at the Table. And the said Returns were amended by the Clerk accordingly.

Ordered, That an Address be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to issue for the electing of a Burgefs to serve in this present General Assembly, for James Town<sup>1</sup>, no member having been returned to serve for that Town, upon the former Writ; and that M<sup>r</sup> Treasurer do wait on his Excellency with the said Address.

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<sup>1</sup> Champion Travis.





A *Petition*<sup>1</sup> of Mr *Nathaniel Terry* was presented to the House and read, complaining of *William Hopkins*, Sheriff of the County of *Halifax*, for Misbehaviour in his Office, on the Day appointed for the Election of Burgesses to serve in this present General Assembly for the said County, and thereby preventing the Election for the said County, and interrupting the Freedom thereof; and praying that the Conduct of the said Sheriff, as well as the Petitioner, may be enquired into, and such Steps taken thereupon as may preserve the Freedom of Elections.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, as it shall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

*Ordered*, That an Address be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to issue for the electing of Burgesses<sup>2</sup> to serve in the present General Assembly, for the County of *Halifax*, no Members having been returned to serve for that County, upon the former Writ; and that Mr *Edmund Pendleton* do wait on his Excellency with the said Address.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for annexing Twenty Acres of Land, whereof *Patrick Ramsay*, Gentleman, is seized in Fee, to the Town of *Blandford*, in the County of *Prince George*; and that Mr *Bland*, Mr *Poythress*, Mr *Starke*, and Mr *Banister*, do prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections do consider of the ancient Rules<sup>3</sup> and standing Orders of the House, and present such as are fit to be continued, with any others which they think ought to be observed. 11

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to repeal the several Acts of Assembly prohibiting the tending of Tobacco-Seconds<sup>4</sup>; and that Mr *Starke*, and Mr *Banister*, do prepare and bring in the same.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower the Executors of the Will of *Charles Carter*, Esq; deceased, to sell certain Lands for the Payment of his Debts and Legacies; and that Mr *Edmund Pendleton* do prepare and bring in the same.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, that they prepare and bring in a Bill to amend the Act entitled "*An Act to amend the Act for the better Government of Servants and Slaves.*"<sup>5</sup>

A *Petition* of *Henry Kidd* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, That *Fortune*, a Negro Man Slave, belonging to the Petitioner, having been committed to the Gaol of Effex County, accused of Felony and Burglary, was acquitted of the Burglary, the Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer, before whom he was tried, being equally divided in their Opinions, as to his Guilt, of that Crime, and was convicted of Felony, and burned in the Hand, and received corporal Punishment; but that, by the Inclemency of the Weather, the said Slave, during his Confinement in Gaol before his Trial, was so Frost-bitten, that, notwithstanding extraordinary Care was taken of him, he lost his Feet, and soon afterwards perished, and praying to be allowed the Value of the said Slave, as well as a reasonable Satisfaction for the Trouble and Expence of endeavouring to cure him.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of public Claims, that they allow in the Book of Claims the Sum of Sixty Pounds, to be paid by the Public, to the said *Henry Kidd*, for the said Slave.

A *Petition* of *Charles Carter*, of *Lancaster*, Esq; was presented to the House and read, setting forth, That he is seized in Fee Tail, under the Will of his Grandfather, *Robert Carter*, Esq; deceased, and the Will of his Father, *John Carter*, Esq; deceased, of a Tract of Land containing Two Thousand Acres, situate in the Parish of *Northfarnham*

<sup>1</sup> *Petition* withdrawn.

<sup>2</sup> *Walter Coles* and *Nathaniel Terry*.

<sup>3</sup> *Hening*, I, p. 507; II, p. 206.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, I, p. 390, p. 478; II, p. 119, p. 222; III, p. 34; IV., p. 241; VI., p. 51.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 135.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, VI., p. 256.





ham, and County of *Richmond*; also of one other Tract containing Five Thousand Acres, situate in the Parish of *Cameron*, and County of *Loudoun*; also of one other Tract, containing Six Thousand Acres, situate in the Parish of *Hamilton*, and County of *Fauquier*; also of one other Tract, containing Six Thousand Acres, situate on *Broad Run*, in the Parish of *Hamilton*, and County of *Prince William*; and also of one other Tract, containing Two Thousand Acres, situate in the Parish of *Saint Mary*, and County of *Caroline*; Part of which said Lands are of little Value in themselves, and the Residue at a very great Distance from Navigation, and very inconvenient to all the Petitioner's other  
 12 entailed Estates: And further setting forth, That the Petitioner is seized in Fee Simple of a Tract of Land, containing Three Thousand and Three Hundred Acres, purchased by the Petitioner of the Executors of *James Littlepage*, deceased; and also of a Tract of Five Hundred Acres, purchased by the Petitioner of *Peter and Henry Terrell*, both which are contiguous to the Petitioner's Lands called *North Wales*, in the County of *Hanover*, and of much greater Value than the first mentioned back Lands; and that it will be of great Advantage to the Heir in Tail, if the Intail of the said Lands shall be docked, and the *Hanover* Lands settled in Lieu thereof; and therefore praying that an Act may pass for that purpose.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petitioner; that Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do prepare and bring in the same.

The House was moved, that the Order made the Eighth Day of *November, 1766*, relating to Claims for taking up Runaways, \* might be read.

The same was read accordingly, *viz.*

*'Saturday, November 8, 1766.*

*'Ordered*, That all Claims for taking up Runaways, sworn to before 'a Magistrate, be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Claims.'

*'Ordered*, and declared, That the said Order be a standing Order of the House.

Mr *Treasurer* reported, from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address, to be presented to the Governor, that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

My Lord,

*We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Burgeesses of Virginia, now met in General Assembly, beg Leave to return your Excellency our sincere and unfeigned Thanks for your very kind and affectionate Speech at the opening of this Session.*

*It gives us great Pleasure, that we have again the Honour of meeting your Lordship in General Assembly, as it affords us an Opportunity of renewing to your Excellency the strongest Assurances of our uninterrupted and most inviolable Attachment to the sacred Person and Government of our Royal Sovereign, and, at the same Time, of discharging the important Duties we owe to our Constituents.*

*We should think ourselves extremely deficient in Duty and Affection to the best of Kings, were we not deeply impressed with the warmest Sentiments of Gratitude by his Majesty's most gracious Purpose of recommending to his Parliament a Repeal of the Act imposing Duties upon Glass, Paper and Colours; especially, as we cannot doubt but that the same Wisdom and Goodness, which have already induced his Majesty favourably to regard the humble Entreaties of his faithful Subjects in America, will still farther incline the Royal Breast to an Exertion of his Majesty's gracious and benign Influence, towards perfecting the Happiness of all his People.*

13 *It adds greatly, my Lord, to our Satisfaction and Comfort to learn from your Excellency, that his Majesty's present Administration have at no Time entertained a Design to propose to Parliament the laying any farther Taxes upon America, for the Purpose of raising a Revenue; and we will not suffer our present Hopes, arising from the pleasing Prospect, your Lordship hath so kindly opened and displayed to us, to be dashed by the bitter Reflection, that any future Administration will entertain a Wish to depart from that Plan, which*  
*affords*

\* Acts concerning—Hening, VIII., p. 135, p. 358.





affords the surest and most permanent Foundation of public Tranquility and Happiness: No, my Lord, we are sure our most gracious Sovereign, under whatever Changes may happen in his confidential Servants, will remain immutable in the Ways of Truth and Justice, and that he is incapable of deceiving his faithful Subjects; and that we esteem your Lordship's Information not only as warranted, but even sanctified by the Royal Word.

Your Lordship's great Regard and Attention to the Welfare and true Interest of this Colony had before endeared you to us all; but your generous and noble Declarations, upon this Occasion, demand our warmest and most grateful Acknowledgments.

We will, my Lord, immediately take under our most serious Consideration the important Business, upon which we are now assembled, especially that Part of it, you have been pleased particularly to recommend; we will proceed with that Temper and Moderation, which is necessary to give Weight and Dignity to our Deliberations; and we do assure your Lordship, that we shall think ourselves supremely happy, if, in conducting the arduous and momentous Affairs of this great Country, we should, in the End, receive the Approbations of a Ruler, we so very cordially honour and esteem.

The said Address being read a second Time;

*Resolved*, *Nemine Contradicente*, That the House doth agree with the Committee in the said Address, to be presented to the Governor.

*Resolved*, That the said Address be presented to his Excellency by the whole House.

*Ordered*, That the Gentlemen who drew up the said Address, do wait upon the Governor to know his Pleasure, when this House shall attend his Excellency, to present their Address.

A *Petition* of *James Burwell* was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that he is seized in Fee Tail, under the Will of his Grandfather, *James Burwell* deceased, of a Tract of Land, containing Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Acres, situate in the County of *Isle of Wight*, which Lands are of a mean Quality; and that it will be an Advantage to the Heir, if the Intail of the said Lands shall be docked, and the same vested in Trustees, to be sold, and the Money arising from such Sale, laid out in the Purchase of other Lands and Slaves, to be settled to the same Uses; and praying that an Act of Assembly may pass for that Purpose.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the said *Petition*; and that *Mr Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*, do prepare and bring in the same.

A *Petition* of *Robert Higginson* was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that an outlawed Runaway Negro Man Slave, belonging to the Petitioner, was surprised sleeping in a Canoe in *Mr Holt's* Mill-pond by one *Thomas Fear*, and being unable to rescue himself from the said *Fear*, who endeavoured to apprehend him, jumped overboard into the Water, and was drowned; and praying that he may be allowed the Value of his said Slave.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Public Claims, that they allow in the Book of Public Claims the Sum of Sixty Pounds, to be paid by the Public to the said *Robert Higginson*, for the said Slave.

A *Petition* of *Merryman Payne* and *Dale Carter*, Inspectors at *Davis's* and *Loury's* Warehouses, in the County of *Lancaster*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the said Warehouses had been several times broke open, and fundry parcels of Tobacco stolen thereout, although the said Warehouses were secured with Locks and Bars, and the Petitioners had not been guilty of the least Neglect; and praying that the Loss may be repaired by the Public, and not sustained by the Petitioners.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Public Claims, that they allow in the Book of Public Claims the Sum of Twenty-two Pounds One Shilling and Five Pence Half-penny, to be paid by the Public to the said *Merryman Payne* and *Dale Carter* for the Tobacco mentioned in their *Petition* to have been stolen.

A *Petition* of *Anthony Street*, Deputy Sheriff of *Lunenburg* County, was presented to the House and read; setting forth, that in *November* last, he provided an Horse, worth Eight Pounds, for conveying to the Public Gaol *Peter Brown*, who was charged with Felony, and ordered by the Court of the said County to be tried before the Court of Oyer and





and *Terminer*; and that the said Horse died travelling with the Prisoner to *Williamsburg*; and that the Petitioner expended Seven Shillings and Six Pence in supporting the the Prisoner during his Journey; and praying to be allowed the Value of his said Horse, and his said Expences.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Field*, Gentleman, was presented to the House and read; setting forth, that a Runaway Negro Man Slave, belonging to the Petitioner, having been regularly outlawed, and attempting to murder one *Shurles*, was killed by the said *Shurles*, in his own Defence; and praying to be allowed the Value of the said Slave.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Public Claims, that they allow in the Book of Public Claims the Sum of Sixty Pounds, to be paid by the Public to the said *Thomas Field* for the said Slave.

A *Petition* of *Fielding Turner*, of the County of *Loudoun*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that being Captain of a Company of the Militia of *Fairfax* County, in 1758, and, in Obedience to an Order of his Commanding Officer, having drawn Ten Men out of his Company, and one of those Soldiers not being furnished with a Gun, the Petitioner supplied him with one which he impressed, and which was appraised to Four Pounds; and that the Owner of the said Gun commenced Suit in the County Court of *Loudoun*, against the Petitioner, and recovered Judgment, in 1767, For four Pounds, and the Costs of Suit; and praying to be reimbursed the said Sum and Costs.

<sup>15</sup> *Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Petition* of fundry the Inhabitants of the County of *Charlotte*, and Parish of *Cornwall*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read; setting forth, That the Petitioners and others, who make no Tobacco, suffer grievous Oppression under the Exactions of the Collectors of the Public, County and Parish Levies, who are by Law empowered to distrain for such Levies before Transfer Tobacco can be procured to discharge them, and therefore praying, that an Act may pass ascertaining the Price of Tobacco due for the said Levies, and preventing too early Distresses, or otherwise relieving the Petitioners.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Petition* of *William Rind*, Printer, was presented to the House and read; setting forth, that his Salary as Printer to the Public, will expire at the End of this Session of Assembly; and therefore humbly praying that the same may be further continued.

*Resolved*, That the Sum of Three Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds per Annum be allowed to *William Rind*, Printer, to continue to the End of the next Session of Assembly, as a full Consideration for printing the Journal of the House of Burgeffes, and the Laws of each Session, and sending as many Copies to the County Court Clerks, as there are acting Justices in the Commission, in each respective County, and one other (which is to be Half Bound) for the Use of the Court, and Ten to the Clerks of the Courts of Hustings in the City of *Williamsburg*, and the Borough of *Norfolk*, and printing Inspectors Receipts and Books, Proclamations, and public Advertisements.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

A *Petition* of *Martin Shearman* and *Robert Mitchell*, Inspectors at *Deep Creek* Warehouse, in the County of *Lancaster*, was presented to the House and read; setting forth, That the Petitioners had been obliged to pay to the Proprietors of Tobacco, stolen out of the said Warehouse, at fundry Times, One Hundred and Thirty-eight Pounds and Six Shillings; and praying to be reimbursed the said Sum.

*Ordered*



*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Petition* of *Henry Sisson* and *John Eidson*, Inspectors at *Cat Point Warehouse*, in the County of *Richmond*, was presented to the House and read; setting forth, That the Petitioners had been obliged to make good Two Thousand and Four Hundred Pounds of Crop Tobacco, stolen out of the said Warehouse, and from under Prize there, to the Owners thereof, and praying to be relieved.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

*And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.*

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## Thursday, the 9th of November, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

**A** *NOTHER Member* having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated and subscribed the Test, took his Place in the House.

*Mr Treasurer* reported to the House, that the Governor having been waited on, pursuant to the Order of Yesterday, to know his pleasure, when he would be attended by this House, had been pleased to appoint to be attended this Day, in the Council-Chamber, and to say he would acquaint the House, by a Messenger of his own, when he was ready to receive their Address.

A *Message* from the Governor, by *Mr Walthoe*.

*Mr Speaker*,

*The Governor is now ready to receive the Address of your House in the Council-Chamber.*

Accordingly *Mr Speaker*, with the House, went up; and being returned, he reported, that the House had attended the Governor with their Address, to which his Excellency was pleased to give this Answer:

"*Mr Speaker*, and *Gentlemen* of the House of *Burgeffes*,

*Your kind and affectionate Address brightens my Prospect, and fills me with the delightful Expectations of compleatly answering the Purposes of my Royal Master. May the Almighty secure to me that most desirable Object, by directing your Counsels for the Advantage and Prosperity of all his Majesty's extensive Dominions, and may you continue a loyal, free and happy People, till Time shall be no more."*

The House was moved that Part of an Act made in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King *George* the Second, entituled, *An Act for the better securing the Payment of Levies, and Restraint of Vagrants, and for making Provision for the Poor*; might be read.

And the same being read accordingly;

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the said Act.

*Ordered*, That *Mr Bland*, and *Mr Archibald Cary*, do prepare and bring in the same.

A *Pition* of *John Martin* and *James Dishman*, Inspectors at *Mattox Warehouse*, in the County of *Westmoreland*, was presented to the House and read; setting forth, that the Petitioners had been obliged to pay for a Hoghead of Crop Tobacco, weighing One Thousand and Eighteen Pounds Nett, and Two Thousand Pounds Weight of Transfer Tobacco, which were stolen out of the said Warehouse; and praying to be reimbursed and relieved.

*Ordered*







17. *Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Godwin* and *John Read*, Inspectors at *Milner's Warehouse*, in the County of *Nansemond*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Tobacco brought to the said Warehouse since their Salaries were settled, hath exceeded very considerably the Quantities usually inspected there before, and would probably hereafter increase; and therefore praying a reasonable Allowance for their extraordinary Trouble and Expences the two last Years, and that their Salaries for the Time to come may be increased.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

On a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the Practice of suing out and prosecuting Writs of Replevin, in Cases of Distress for Rent, in this Colony; and that Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, and Mr *Henry Lee*, do prepare and bring in the same.

A Message from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

*The Council have agreed to the Resolve of your House for paying the Printer his Salary.*

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Talbutt* was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioner having, for the Consideration of Eleven Hundred and Fifty Pounds, purchased a Parcel of Land, with two Storehouses thereon, on the East Side of the County Gaol, in the Borough of *Norfolk*, and adjoining the Public Land, laid out a Street, Twenty-six Feet wide, from off the said Land, running from the Main Street to the Creek, and leading thence, over the Bridge, to the back Inhabitants of the said Borough, which is very advantageous and convenient to the Public; and that, by a Survey lately made, it being discovered that the Storehouses aforesaid are chiefly on the Public Land, the Petitioner treated with the County Court of *Norfolk* for the Purchase of so much of the Public Land as is sufficient to secure to him his said Storehouses, and the said County Court are willing and agree that a Title may be made to him accordingly, on his paying a Consideration for the same; and therefore praying that the said Agreement may be confirmed.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

*Ordered*, That the State of the Debt due from *John Robinson*, Esquire, deceased, late Treasurer of this Colony, to the Public, be taken into Consideration upon Tuesday sevenight.

*Ordered*, That this House be called over upon Tuesday sevenight.

13 A *Petition* of sundry Persons, Inhabitants of the County of *Amherst*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that Prosecutions of Suits in the County Courts, held every Month, are very inconvenient, and more dilatory and expensive than they would be if those Courts were held once in every third Month only, and Suits were put to issue and prepared for Trial at the Clerk's Offices, on Rule-Days, in the Intervals between the Courts; and therefore praying that quarterly instead of monthly Courts, or some other effectual Method to remedy the Mischief complained of, may be established.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee for Courts for Justice; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.





A *Petition* of fundry Persons, Inhabitants of the County of *Amherst*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Sheriffs and other Collectors are by Law impowered to make Distresses for Public Dues and Officers Fees, before the Petitioners, whose Residence is very remote from the Warehouses, can get their Tobacco inspected; and therefore praying that such Dues and Fees may not be distrained for until the Tenth Day of *May*, and that the Officers may not be accountable for them to the Creditors until the last Day of *June*.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Petition* of fundry Persons, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that another Inspection of Tobacco, at the Town of *Dumfries*, in the County of *Prince William*, would be very convenient to the Inhabitants of that and other Counties; and praying that such Inspection may be established in the said Town, and appointed on the Lots distinguished by the Numbers 171, and 172.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Petition* of several Persons, Inhabitants of the County of *Augusta*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; taking Notice, that fundry *Petitions* had been presented to the House for dividing the said County; and praying that the said County may be divided by the North Branch of *James River*, up to the Mouth of *Carr's Creek*, by the said Creek, to the Head thereof, and thence by a straight Line parallel with that which divides *Frederick* County from *Augusta*: And also

A *Petition* of fundry Freeholders and Inhabitants, of the said County of *Augusta*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; taking Notice of a *Petition* intended to be presented to the House, for dividing the said County, and either making two new Counties, or, if but one, for ending the dividing Line at *Beverley Manor*; and alledging that any Division of the said County will be very inconvenient, and especially in the Manner proposed; and therefore praying that the said County may not be divided at all, or else, that the dividing Line may be extended to the North Branch of *James River*, making one new County only.

*Ordered*, That the said several *Petitions* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinions thereupon, to the House. 19

A *Petition* of fundry Persons, Inhabitants of the County of *Brunswick*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed: And also

A *Petition* of fundry Persons, Inhabitants of the County of *Suffex*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed;

Were severally presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the lately increased Rates of Ferriage at *Swan's Point*, *James Town*, and *Crouche's Creek*, are unreasonable and oppressive; and therefore praying that the said Rates may be reduced.

*Ordered*, That the said several *Petitions* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Petition* of the Minister and Vestry of the Parish of *Saint Mark*, in the County of *Culpeper*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Glebe Land belonging to the said Parish, from its small Quantity, and the long Time it hath been in Cultivation, is for the most Part worn out, and that the Proportion of the said Land remaining uncleared is not sufficient to supply Timber for Repairs, or Wood for Fuel; and therefore praying that an Act may pass to enable the said Vestry to sell the said Glebe Land, and purchase, in Lieu thereof, a sufficient and more convenient Glebe.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.





The *Order* of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into Consideration the Governor's Speech:

*Resolved*, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

A *Petition* of sundry Persons, Inhabitants of the County of *Albemarle*, resident on the upper Part of the North Fork of *James River*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that several Persons, near the Mouth of the said River, do stretch Seines across the same at Times between their fishing or Hawling, which, in great Measure, hinders the Fish from running up; and that the same Impediment is affected by Stops or Fishtraps, at several Falls or Rifts of Rocks, in other Parts of the same River; and praying the House to take some Steps for preventing such Practices.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

*Ordered*, That the Letters which have passed between the Committee of Correspondence and the Agent for this Colony, since the Seventeenth Day of *May* last, be laid before the House.

*Ordered*, That it be a standing Order of the House, that no Committee sit to do Business, during the Time of Divine Service.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Ball* be added to the Committee of Public Claims.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Consideration several *Petitions* to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, viz.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that so much of the *Petition* of *Henry Sisson* and *John Eidson*, Inspectors of Tobacco at *Cat Point* Warehouse, in *Richmond* County, as relates to the Hoghead of Tobacco, Nett 1131 lb. the Property of *John Gordon*, which was stolen out of the said Warehouse, is reasonable, and that they ought to be reimbursed the Sum of Eleven Pounds Six Shillings and Two Pence Halfpenny for the same, and that that Part of the *Petition* relating to the Hoghead of Tobacco stolen from under the Prize, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of *Anthony Street*, Deputy Sheriff of *Lunenburg* County, to be allowed for a Horse, found by him to convey a Criminal to the public Gaol, which died in that Service, and for his Expences on the said Criminal, in conveying him to the said Gaol, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of *Fielding Turner*, to be reimbursed for a Judgment and Cofts, obtained against him for a Gun, impressed by him for the Use of the Militia, draughted in the Year 1758, and lost, is reasonable, and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of Six Pounds Thirteen Shillings and One Penny Halfpenny, for the same.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

A *Petition* of *Aaron Hudgin*, and *Mary* his Wife, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioners, in *October* 1766, traveled One Hundred and Ten Miles to *Williamsburg*, and attended the General Court two Days each, as Witneses for the Crown against *William Singleton* and *Christopher Singleton*, who were indicted of Felony, and that nothing had been levied to the Petitioners for that Service; and praying that they may be now allowed for their said Travelling and Attendance.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Petition* of the *Pamunkey Indians* was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Trustees appointed by Act of Assembly to rent Part of their Lands, and apply the said Rents to their Benefit, were dead, and that since their Death, the Petitioners





tioners were apprehensive they had been injured by the Tenants, who would not account for the Rents; and praying proper Redress.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition; and that Mr *Treasurer*, Mr *Braxton* and Mr *Moore*, do prepare and bring in the same.

*And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.*

## Friday, the 10th of November. 10 Geo. III. 1769.

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SEVERAL other Members having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated and subscribed the Test, took their Places in the House.

A *Message* from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

*I am commanded by the Governor to deliver to your House certain Letters to his Excellency from Colonels Adam Stephen and Felix Seymour, and Copies of his Excellency's Letters to Colonel Stephen and the Commanding Officer of Fort Pitt, together with several other Papers, concerning the alarming Reports mentioned in his Excellency's Speech to have been received from the Frontier Parts of this Colony.*

And he presented the said Letters and Papers at the Bar.

*Ordered*, That the said Letters and Papers do lie upon the Table, to be perused by Members of the House.

Mr *Speaker* acquainted the House, that, pursuant to the Order of the House, of the Sixteenth day of *May* last, he had transmitted to the Speakers of the several Houses of Assembly on this Continent, Copies of the Resolutions then agreed to by this House, requesting their Concurrence therein; and had received Letters on that Subject from the Speakers of several of the said Houses of Assembly, and he delivered the said Letters in at the Clerk's Table.

*Ordered*, That the said Letters do lie upon the Table, to be perused by Members of the House.

Mr *Speaker* also acquainted the House, that, pursuant to the Order of the House, of the Seventeenth Day of *May* last, he had transmitted the Address to his Majesty, therein mentioned, to the Agent for this Colony, with Directions to cause the same to be presented to his Majesty, and afterwards to be printed and published in the *English* Papers; and had received a Letter on that Subject from the said Agent; and he delivered the said Letter in at the Clerk's Table.

*Ordered*, That the said Letter do lie upon the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

Mr *Bland* presented to the House, from the Committee of Correspondence, according to Order, the Letters which have passed between the said Committee, and the Agent for this Colony, since the Seventeenth Day of *May* last.

*Ordered*, That the said Letters do lie upon the Table, to be perused by Members of the House.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* reported, from the Committee of Courts of Justice, that the said Committee had, according to Order, inspected the Journals of the last Session of Assembly, and drawn up a State of the Matters then depending and undetermined, and the Progress that was made therein, and had directed him to report the same, as it appeared to them, to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to this Committee, that at the First Session of the said Assembly, a Petition of fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Augusta*, praying a Division thereof, also a Petition in Opposition, thereto, were severally presented to the House, and read: And,

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on a Motion made, it was ordered that the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom Petitions to the same Effect with the above, had been committed, should be discharged from proceeding therein, and that all the said Petitions be referred to the then next Session of Assembly.

That an Account of *Tunstall Banks*, Administrator, &c. of *William Banks*, deceased for Pay as Lieutenant for 61 Days; also a Claim of Captain *Walter Cunningham*, for 7£ 10 s. for which a Soldier in his Company of Militia obtained a Judgment against him in the County Court of *Augusta*; and also a Claim of *Jacob Jackson*, for 44 Days Service as a Soldier in Captain *Cunningham's* Company of Militia, were severally presented to the House, and received, and referred to the Consideration of the then next Session of Assembly.

On a Motion made to the House, it was ordered, that the Committee of Propositions and Grievances be discharged from considering the Petition of *Job Pearfal*, to them committed; and that the said Petition should be referred to the then next Session of Assembly.

It also appears to this Committee, that at the second Session of the said Assembly, Two other Petitions of sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Augusta*, praying that the said County may be divided, were presented to the House, and read, and referred to the Consideration of the then next Session of Assembly.

That a Petition of *John Thomas*, setting forth, that upon the Expedition in the Year 1764, it being made known, that it was desired a Number of Volunteers should join the King's Troops, commanded by Colonel *Bouquet*, on that Expedition, the Petitioner did actually enlist Fourteen able Men, upon the Assurance that he should have the Rank of an Ensign, and be equally entitled to any Advantage or Emolument which might arise to Officers of the same Rank, who should enter into that Service; that the Petitioner had been informed his Name was left out of the List of Officers who obtained an Allowance from the House, by Mistake, and praying that the House would take the same into their Consideration, and make him such Allowance as they may think equitable. *Also*

A Petition of *George Slaughter*, setting forth, that in the Year 1764, he entered himself a Volunteer, to serve in the Expedition against the *Indian Towns*, under the Command of Colonel *Bouquet*; that upon its being signified to be the Desire of the General Assembly, that a Number of the Volunteers should serve on Horseback, the Petitioner furnished himself with a suitable Horse for that Service; that upon a Peace being concluded with the different Tribes of *Indians*, and a large Number of distressed Prisoners being delivered up, the Petitioner's Horse was employed, on their Return, in carrying some of those restored Captives, by which Means the said Horse was lost; that the Petitioner therefore humbly hoped this Honourable House would take the same into Consideration, and grant him such Allowance as they might think reasonable, as he was actuated by Principles of Public Spirit to enter into that Service, and without Expectation of receiving any Reward for his Services. *Also*

23 A Petition of *Benjamin Foreman*, praying that an Act may pass to establish a Ferry over the River *Potowmack*, from his Land, in the County of *Frederick*, to the Land of Lord *Baltimore*, in the Province of *Maryland*. *And also*

A Petition of *Benjamin Grubb*, of the Town of *Winchester*, setting forth, that in the Spring of the Year 1755, his House in the said Town, was, by Order of Colonel *Stephen*, Commanding Officer of the *Virginia* troops then stationed there, taken and converted into an Hospital for the Use of the Soldiers, who kept Possession thereof for that Purpose about Eight Months, and during that Time destroyed the Paling of the Lot on which the House stood intirely, and the Plaistering of the House, ripped off the Weatherboards of the Dwelling-House and Stable, and did the Petitioner other considerable Damage, valued by Workmen to above Forty Pounds, for which Sir *John Sinclair*, to whom the Petitioner delivered the Estimate, promised to procure an Allowance; but the Petitioner had never heard any thing more of it, nor received any Satisfaction for the Use of his House, or the Injury done him by the Soldiers, and praying the House to take the Matter under





under Consideration, and make him fuitable Amends, were severally presented to the House, and read, and referred to the Consideration of the then next Session of Assembly.

That upon a *Motion* made, it was ordered, that all such Claims and other Matters, as were referred from the First to the Second Session of the last Assembly, and also all such as were certified to the said Second Session of Assembly, should be referred to the Consideration of the then next Session of Assembly.

*Ordered*, That the several Petitions of sundry Inhabitants of the County of *Augusta*, praying a Division thereof, and also the Petition in Opposition thereto, and also the several Petitions of *Job Pearsal* and *Benjamin Foreman*, in the said Report mentioned, be severally referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, and that they do examine the Matters thereof, and report the same, with their Opinions thereupon, to the House.

*Ordered*, That the Account of *Tunstall Banks*, Administrator, &c. of *William Banks*, deceased, and also the Claim of Captain *Walter Cunningham*, and also the Claim of *Jacob Jackson*, and also the several Petitions of *John Thomas*, *George Slaughter* and *Benjamin Grubb*, in the said Report also mentioned, be severally referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and, that they do examine the Matters thereof, and report the same, with their Opinions thereupon, to the House.

A Petition of *Daniel Cargill*, of the County of Charlotte, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that a Road, convenient to Travellers, runs through the Petitioner's Land in the said County, and crosses the River *Staunton*, near his House, where there is no Ferry; and praying that a Ferry may be established upon the said Land of the Petitioner, over the said River, to the Land of *Thomas Cobbs*, in the County of *Halifax*.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A Petition of several Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Counties of *Hanover* and *King William*, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that the opening and clearing the upper Part of *Pamunkey* River, in order to make it navigable for Boats and small Craft to carry down Tobacco from *Crutchfield's*, *Page's*, and *Meriwether's* Warehouses, is attended with very great Expence, and is extremely burthenfome to the Petitioners, who are by Law obliged to pay for clearing and opening the said River, although they receive but little Advantage, in Comparison with the Benefits which the People of other Counties derive therefrom, who bring their Tobacco to those Warehouses, invited by the high Price generally given for Tobacco passed at them, and who ought, therefore, to contribute to the Expence of opening and clearing the said River; and therefore proposing, that the said River may, for the future, be cleared and kept open at the Expence of the Public, or that every Person, carrying or sending Tobacco to the said Warehouses, may be obliged to pay something towards opening and clearing the said River, or that such Relief may be granted to the Petitioners as the House shall think just and reasonable.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had had under their Consideration the Return of the Writ for electing Burgesses to serve in this present General Assembly for the County of *Halifax*, also the Petition of Mr *Nathaniel Terry*, relative to the said Return, to them referred, and having heard, as well the Sheriff of the said County, as the said *Nathaniel Terry*, and examined several Witnesses thereupon, had agreed to a Report, and come to several Resolutions; and he read the Report and Resolutions in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your Committee by the Evidence of *George Lync*, that as the said *George* was going to *Halifax* Court-House on the Day appointed for the Election, in Company with Mr *William Hoskins*, the High Sheriff, the said *Hoskins* mentioned, that he

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had appointed the Hour of Eight in the Morning to open the Poll, but should not do it until Nine o'Clock, lest People should suspect him of Partiality to Mr *Walter Coles*, who was a Candidate for the said County.

That his Reason for appointing so early an Hour as Eight o'Clock was, to give the Candidates the Opportunity of a fair Election, for at the preceding Election there was so great Confusion and Irregularity as to occasion the Poll to be frequently stopped.

That in the same Conversation the said *Hoskins* frequently declared he had not asked, even one of his Neighbours, how they intended to vote? but that the Day before, having seen the Son of one *Younger*, Nephew to the said *Hoskins*, he enquired of him who his Father proposed to vote for; and the said *Younger* replied, that he believed that his Father intended to vote for the Two old Ones; then, said *Hoskins*, if that is the Case, tell him to stay at Home, or he may as well stay at Home, but which the said *Lyne* does not certainly recollect.

That from the frequent Discourses which passed between the said *Hoskins* and *Lyne*, concerning the Election, the said *Lyne* verily believes, that although *Hoskins* had often declared to him that Mr *Coles* was his Friend, still from the said *Hoskins* frequent Declarations that he intended a fair Election, and had for that End appointed so early an Hour as Eight of the Clock, the said *Lyne* is satisfied he intended nothing more.

That the said *Lyne* and *Hoskins* got to the Court-House about Three Quarters after Eight, when they were met by Mr *Walter Coles*, who observed to the said *Hoskins* that the appointed Time of beginning the Election was past, to which *Hoskins* replied, he should open the Poll presently.

That soon after, Colonel *Lewis*, another Candidate, came up, and told the said *Hoskins* that he had no Right to open the Poll until the usual Hour, and that his Friends were at a great Distance, 20 and 30 Miles, and could not possibly get there so soon; to which *Hoskins* made Answer, you have all had Notice; it is in my Power to open the Poll when I please, and I shall do so presently; but to prevent any Objections of Unfairness I will keep the Poll open till Sun-set; which Declaration he frequently repeated. That Colonel *Terry* at the same Time made the same Objections that Colonel *Lewis* had done, and the said *Lyne* left them disputing upon that Point.

That some Time after this, the said *Lyne* heard some Person say the Poll was to be opened, and observing many People pressing to the Court-House, he followed them, and as soon as he got to the Door, he could not but be surprised to see Colonel *Terry* stripped, with his Coat and his Waist-coat off and his Collar unbuttoned, shaking his Cane over the said *Hoskins*'s Head, saying, as well as the said *Lyne* can recollect, the Words "*that he would be damned if he should read the Writ yet,*" to which the said *Hoskins* replied, "*He would be damned if he did not,*" Colonel *Terry* then said if he persisted in reading the Writ, "*he would be damned if he did not cane him:*" Whereupon the said *Hoskins* raised the Writ in order to read it, when the said *Terry* made a Stroke at the said *Hoskins* with his Stick, which was caught by a Standby.

The said *Hoskins* then asked if he had no Under Sheriff nigh, but no Answer being given, the said *Hoskins* turned about and said if he could not open the Poll when he pleased, there should be no Election that Day.

That after this Interruption, Mr *Coles* came up and told the said *Hoskins*, if he was hindered in the Execution of his Office he knew what kind of Return to make, and if the said *Terry* wanted to Cane any Person, let him cane him; which Words the said *Lyne* believes the said *Terry* did not hear, as he did not then take any Notice of them; but some Time after, seeing them together on the Bench in the Court-House, he judged from their Countenances and the Sound of high Words between them, they were quarrelling.

That within 20 or 30 Minutes after the Dispute between the said *Terry* and *Hoskins*, the said *Terry* said he was then ready to proceed to polling, but the said *Hoskins* was not present; though several People had Notice of the said *Terry*'s Proposal, and were enquiring for the said *Hoskins*.

That the said *Lyne* remembers to have seen Four Clerks at the Table within the Court-House, immediately after the Dispute; and that Mr *John Cox*, who was said to be employed





employed to take the said *Terry's* Poll, was one of them; and that he had numbered 130 or 131 at the Top of the Columns, as it was reported. 26

That at this Time there appeared to be Half the Inhabitants of the County collected together, some of whom were intoxicated, but the Generality of them peaceably disposed, *Moses Terry* only having his Collar unbuttoned.

It appears also to your Committee by the Evidence of *Epaphroditus White*, that when he came to the Court-House on the Day appointed for the Election, Colonel *Terry* applied to him to keep his Poll, to which he answered that being requested by the High Sheriff to conduct the Election, he could not oblige him.

That some Time after, meeting with one of the other Deputies, and informing him of the said *Terry's* Application, he made Answer that he was too unwell to conduct the Election, and that he, the said *White*, must do it himself; whereupon the said *White* sent a Message to the said *Terry* by his Son, not to rely on the said *White* to take his Poll.

That a short Time after, the said *White* met with the High Sheriff *Hofkins*, who told the said *White* he depended upon him to conduct the Election, and delivered him the Writ; and whilst the said *White* had it in his Hand, the said *Terry* walked up and told the said *Hofkins*, if he opened the Poll, he would use him very ill, for he, the said *Terry*, was not provided with a Clerk.

That the said *Hofkins* then went away, when the said *Terry* observed to the said *White* his great regard for him, and advised him as a Friend, not to read the Writ, but return it to the said *Hofkins*, which he accordingly did.

Then the said *Hofkins* having taken back the Writ, Mr *Coles* came up and said to *Hofkins* that he, the said *Coles* had come at the appointed Time and was ready to proceed to Polling, which he hoped would be done directly; but the said *Terry* again objected to it, alleging that it was not the usual Hour, and that he had no Clerk. Mr *Coles* then said he would indemnify the said *Hofkins* for opening the Poll at that Time of Day.

That Mr *Hofkins* declared he would open the Poll, and if required by either of the Candidates keep it open till Sun-set, and desired they would repair to the Court-house which they all did, the said *White* going directly to the Sheriffs Box, in order to do his Duty; but turning himself about, he observed Colonel *Terry* stripped with his Cane in his Hand.

That immediately after, the said *Hofkins* came up to the Door, when the said *Terry* said to him "*Damn you, will you use me ill?*" Or words to that Purpose; to which *Hofkins* replied, "*I intend to use no Man ill.*" *Terry* then said, he had no Clerk, but should have one in a little Time, and asked the said *Hofkins* if he was determined to read the writ?

*Hofkins* replied, I am. Upon which the said *Terry* declared if he did, he would be damned if he did not cane him. Why then, said *Hofkins*, I will be damned if I don't, and cane away, the Writ being then in the said *Hofkin's* Hand. Upon which the said *Terry* moved one Hand towards the Writ, and raised his Stick with the other, which was caught by *Moses Terry*.

That Mr *Coles* said to the said *Hofkins*, if you are interrupted in the Duty of your Office, you know what to do.

That after this Altercation the said *Hofkins* left the Court-house, and upon his going away Mr *Coles* said if Colonel *Terry* had a mind to cane any Man, let him cane him; soon after which, he saw the said *Terry* on the Bench in the Court-house. 27

That before the Dispute between the said *Terry* and *Hofkins*, he, the said *White*, saw the said *Terry's* Clerk, *John Cox*, writing, or observed that he had written some Words on the Top of the Poll, but where the said *Cox* was, at the Time of the Dispute, he does not know.

That from the Temper and general Behavior of the People, the said *White* believes the Election might have been made with the same Ease and Regularity after the Dispute, as before; and that the People were nearly half come together from all Parts of the County.

That the Majority of Mr *Cole's* Friends live nearer the Court-house than the Majority of the said *Terry's*, but he, the said *White*, does not know whether there were more of them then present or not.

That





That the said *Terry* applied to Two other Persons, beside the said *White*, to take his Poll.

That after the Dispute between the said *Terry* and *Hoskins*, and the said *Terry's* going upon the Bench, and proposing to proceed to the Election, several Persons were acquainted with it, and enquired whether any Election was to be made, or not? To which the said *White* replied, he should follow Mr *Hoskin's* Directions, when given him.

That the said *Hoskins* requested the said *White* to give the People Notice of the Time he had appointed to begin the Election, which the said *White* did to those within his District, but the said *Terry* denied to the said *White*, that he had any Notice of it before.

That the said *White's* District is the lower End of the County, wherein both Mr *Coles* and Colonel *Terry* reside, but the said *White* believes Mr *Terry's* principle Interest lies without that District, as it appeared so at the preceding Election.

The said *White* further saith, Mr *Hoskins* never desired him to make interest for any particular Candidate.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said *Nathaniel Terry*, in obstructing Mr *Hoskins* the Sheriff, in the Execution of his Duty, is guilty of a high Offence, and Breach of the Privileges of the People.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that so much of Mr *Terry's* Petition as charges Mr *Hoskins* with Partiality in the Execution of his Office, in Regard to the said Election, ought to be further heard before the Committee, on *Friday* the Fifteenth Day of *December* next.

The first Resolution being read a second Time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereunto, by leaving out the Word 'high.'

And the Question being put thereupon; that the Word proposed to be left out, stand Part of the said Resolution;

It passed in the Affirmative.

Then the said Resolution was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

28 The subsequent Resolution being read, a second Time, was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Nathaniel Terry*, be taken into Custody of the Serjeant at Arms, attending this House, to answer for his Offence, and Breach of the Privileges of the People, in obstructing Mr *Hoskins* in the Execution of his Office of Sheriff, when he was about to open the Poll for electing Burgesses to serve in this present General Assembly for the County of *Halifax*.

Upon a Motion made,

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, that they prepare and bring in a Bill to amend an Act, intituled, 'An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs.'

A Petition of fundry of the Inhabitants of the Upper End of *Southfarnham* Parish, in the County of *Effex*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioners reside, some of them about 25, and none less than 22 Miles from the Rectory of the said Parish; that the nearest Church to them, in their own Parish, is further from some of them than the Upper Church in the Parish of *Saint Anne*; and that the Bounds of the said Parish are unsettled; and praying that the Petitioners may be included in the Parish of *Saint Anne*, by a Line from Colonel *Francis Warring's* Mill-run, at the Mouth of the Road-Branch, up the said Branch to a marked Black Oak, at the Head thereof, from thence running South 60 Degrees West to the main Road, and thence South 47 Degrees West to a small Persimon and Maple, at the Head of a Branch of *Hawkins's* Run, notwithstanding which there will remain still in the lower Parish about 400 Tithables more than in the Upper.

*Ordered*



*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with the Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Petition* of *Nathaniel Terry*, now in Custody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this House, was presented to the House, and read; assuring the House, that it gives him the deepest Concern to have fallen under their Displeasure; and humbly hoping, that, in Consideration of human Frailty, he may be forgiven, as his Conduct happened under the Influence of much Passion, arising from strong Reasons to apprehend Partiality and Unfairness in the Sheriff.

*Ordered*, That the said *Nathaniel Terry* be discharged out of Custody, paying his Fees.

*Mr Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Consideration several Petitions to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitions of fundry Inhabitants of *Amherst*, *Charlotte*, and *Prince Edward* Counties, praying Relief against the oppressive Exactions of the Collectors of Public, County, and Parish Levies, are reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Albermarle*, praying that an Act may pass to prevent the Erecting of Stops, or Traps for Fish, in the North Fork of *James River*, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of fundry Inhabitants of the Town of *Hampton*, in *Elizabeth City* County, praying that an Act may pass to prevent Hogs running at large in the said Town, is reasonable.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That Bills be brought in, pursuant to the said Resolutions; and that the Committee of Propositions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the same.

A *Petition* of fundry of the Inhabitants of this Colony, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth the destructive Tendency of Inoculation for the Small-Pox, and therefore praying that no such Practice may be allowed in *Virginia*. *Also*,

A *Petition* of several Persons, Inhabitants of the Borough and County of *Norfolk*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth the Inconveniences from Inoculation for the Small-Pox, and therefore praying that an Act may pass for restraining and regulating the Practice of Inoculation.

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions be severally referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Public Claims do levy, in the Book of Claims, on *Mr Nathaniel Terry*, the Expences accrued on the Matter of Complaint against him, for obstructing the *Halifax* Election.

The House was informed that *Mr Nathaniel Terry* desired to withdraw his Petition, praying that the Conduct of the Sheriff of *Halifax*, on the Day appointed for electing Burgesses to serve in this present General Assembly for the said County, might be enquired into.

*Ordered*, That the said *Nathaniel Terry* be at Liberty to withdraw his said Petition.

A *Petition* of the People, called Mulattoes and Free Negroes, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read, praying that the Wives and Daughters of the Petitioners may be exempt from the Payment of Levies.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.





A *Petition* of several Manufacturers of Leather within this Colony, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that the Exportation of raw Hides, hitherto not sufficiently restrained, is very detrimental; and praying the House to take the same under Consideration, and apply an adequate Remedy.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

<sup>30</sup> A *Petition* of *William Ramsay* was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that a Horse, belonging to the Petitioner, died of Fatigue, in carrying a Criminal to the Public Gaol, and therefore praying to be allowed the Value of the said Horse.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Petition* of the Minister and Vestry of the Parish of *Meherrin*, in the County of *Brunswick*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth the inconvenient Situation of the Glebe of the said Parish, and that the Mansion House thereon had been destroyed by Fire; and therefore praying that the Petitioners may be impowered to sell the said Glebe, and, in Lieu thereof, purchase other Land, and make Improvements thereon, out of the Money arising by such Sale.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Petition* of sundry Persons, Inhabitants of the County of *Fairfax*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that Officers Fees, due in the County of *Loudoun*, from Persons, not resident there, are payable at a higher Rate than those which become due from the Inhabitants of the said County; and therefore praying that all Officers Fees, arising in the said County of *Loudoun*, for Services done for the Inhabitants of any other County, may be discharged at the same Rates, as if they resided in the said County of *Loudoun*.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into Consideration the Governor's Speech;

*Resolved*, That this House will, upon *Tuesday* next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

*And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.*

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## Saturday, 11th of November. 10 Geo. III. 1769.

UPON a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for preventing and suppressing private Lotteries; and that Mr *Eyre* do prepare and bring in the same.

<sup>31</sup> A *Petition* of *Thomas Fisher*, the younger, of the County of *Northampton*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that *Philip Fisher*, of the said County, deceased, was, in his Life-time, seized in Fee Simple of a Tract of Land, containing about 800 Acres, in the Parish of *Hungars*, in the said County, and being so seized, by his last Will and Testament in Writing, bearing Date the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of *December*, in the Year of our Lord 1701, devised the said Land to his Son *John Fisher*, and to the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten; and that after the Death of the said *Philip Fisher*, the said *John Fisher* entered into the said Tract of Land, and died seized thereof, leaving Issue a Son  
named





named *Maddox*, who having entered into the said Tract of Land, died seized thereof, leaving Issue the Petitioner, now seized of the said Tract of Land, as Tenant in Fee Tail; and further setting forth, that it would be greatly for the Advantage of the Petitioner and his Posterity, if the Intail of about 405 Acres, Part of the said Tract of Land, were docked, and Slaves of equal or greater Value settled in Lieu thereof; and therefore praying that an Act may pass for docking the Intail of the said 405 Acres of Land, and vesting the same in the Petitioner in Fee Simple; and in Lieu thereof annexing Ten Slaves, named in the Petition, and said to be of greater value, to the Residue of the said Tract of Land in Fee Tail.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition; and Mr *Eyre* do prepare and bring in the same.

A *Petition* of the Vestry, and others, of the Parish of *Hungars*, in the county of *Northampton*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the *Gingaskin* tributary *Indians*, amounting to about 30 Men, Women, and Children, are possessed of and inhabit 600 Acres of valuable Land, in the said Parish and County, which they neglect to cultivate, and cannot dispose of; and that the Tithable Persons of the said Parish are burthened with maintaining such of the said *Indians* as become sick and disabled, which Expence the Petitioners think it just and equitable they should be relieved of by the Profits of the said Land, as the Possessors thereof by Law are not inlisted as Tithables, and so are exempt from the Payment of Levies; and therefore praying that an Act may pass, empowering the Church wardens of the said Parish, with the Vestry, to make Leases of such Portion of the said Land under reasonable Provisos and Restrictions, as that the Rents may be of Value sufficient to defray the aforefaid Expence.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* reported, from the Committee of Courts of Justice, that the Committee had, according to Order, examined what Laws have expired, and inspected such temporary Laws as will expire with the End of this Session, or are near expiring, and had agreed upon a Report, and come to several Resolutions thereupon; and he read the report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read; and the Resolutions of the Committee are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that so much of the Act of Assembly, made in the 27<sup>th</sup> Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King *George* the Second intituled, '*An Act for the Encouragment and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the Mississippi*;' and of the subsequent Acts, for continuing and amending the same, as relates to the imposing, collecting, and accounting for an additional Duty on Slaves, and the Taxes on Wheel Carriages, Ordinary Licenses, and Original Procefs, which will expire on the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of *February* next, ought not to be further continued.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Assembly, made in the Fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act for continuing the Act for appointing an Agent, and two other Acts therein mentioned*,' which will expire on the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of *April*, 1771, ought to be further continued.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Assembly, made in the Seventh Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled, '*An Act for further continuing the Act, for reducing the several Acts, for making Provision against Invasions and Insurrections, into one Act*,' which will expire on the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of *June* next, ought to be further continued.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Assembly, made in the Fifth Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act to continue an Act*,' intituled, '*An Act for reducing the several Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors, into one Act*,' which will expire on the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of *June* next, ought to be further continued.

*Resolved*

<sup>1</sup> Hening. VI, p. 417.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 113.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 37, 189, 334.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 38, 190, 335.





*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Assembly, made in the Seventh Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act to continue and amend an Act, for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers,*' which will expire on the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of April next, ought to be further continued.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Assembly, made in the Seventh Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act to continue an Act,*' intituled, '*An Act to oblige Persons bringing Slaves into this Colony from Maryland, Carolina, and the West-Indies, for their own Use, to pay a Duty,*' which will expire on the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of April next, ought to be further continued.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Assembly, made in the Seventh Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act for amending and further continuing an Act, for the more effectual keeping the Public Roads and Bridges in Repair,*' which will expire on the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 1772, ought to be further continued, with Amendments.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Assembly, made in the Seventh Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act to continue an Act for establishing Pilots, and regulating their Fees,*' which will expire on the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of April next, ought to be further continued.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Assembly, made in the Seventh Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act for continuing an Act,*' intituled, '*An Act for increasing the Rewards for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the Counties wherein the Services shall be performed,*' which will expire on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of June next, ought to be further continued.

33 *Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Assembly, made in the Seventh Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act for appointing a Treasurer,*' which will expire at the End of this present Session of Assembly, ought to be continued.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Assembly, made in the Eighth Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act for further continuing the Act,*' intituled, '*An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs,*' which will expire on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of October, 1771, ought to be further continued.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Assembly, made in the Eighth Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act for further continuing and amending the Act,*' intituled, '*An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*' which will expire on the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of April next, ought to be further continued.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Assembly, made in the Seventh Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act to continue and amend the Act for the better regulating and disciplining the Militia,*' which will expire at the End of the Session to be held after the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 1771, ought to be further continued, with Amendments.

The first Resolution of the Committee, being read a second Time, was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The second Resolution of the Committee being read a second Time, was, upon the Question put thereupon, postponed.

The third Resolution of the Committee being read a second Time, was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The fourth Resolution of the Committee being read a second Time;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereunto, by adding at the End thereof these Words, '*with Amendments.*'

And

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 190.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 197.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 211.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 209.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 191.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 200.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 208.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 241.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 192.





And the said *Amendment* was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Resolved*, That the House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution so amended, that the Act of Assembly, made in the Seventh Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act to continue an Act*,' intituled, '*An Act for reducing the several Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act*,' which will expire on the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of June next, ought to be further continued, with Amendments.

The *fifth*, *sixth*, *seventh* and *eighth* Resolutions of the Committee being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The *ninth* Resolution of the Committee being read a second Time;

An *Amendment* was proposed to be made thereto, by adding at the End thereof these Words, '*with Amendments*.'

And the said *Amendment* was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Resolved*, That the House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution so amended, that the Act of Assembly, made in the Seventh Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act for continuing an Act*,' intituled '*An Act for increasing the Rewards for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the Counties wherein the Services shall be performed*,' which will expire on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of June next, ought to be further continued, with Amendments. 34

The *tenth* Resolution of the Committee being read a second Time, was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The *eleventh* Resolution of the Committee being read a second Time;

An *Amendment* was proposed to be made thereto, by adding at the End thereof these Words, '*with Amendments*.'

And the said *Amendment* was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Resolved*, That the House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution so amended, that the Act of Assembly made in the Eighth Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled; '*An Act for further continuing the Act*,' intituled, '*An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*,' which will expire on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of October, 1771, ought to be further continued, with Amendments.

The *twelfth* Resolution of the Committee being read a second Time;

An *Amendment* was proposed to be made thereto, by adding at the End thereof these Words, '*with Amendments*.'

And the said *Amendment* was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Resolved*, That the House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution so amended, that the Act of Assembly, made in the Eighth Year of his Majesty's Reign, intituled, '*An Act for further continuing and amending the Act*,' intituled, '*An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*,' which will expire on the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of April next, ought to be further continued, with Amendments.

The subsequent *Resolution* being read a second Time, was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That a Bill or Bills be brought in, pursuant to the *third*, *ninth*, *tenth* and *twelfth* Resolutions of the said Committee, which have been agreed to by the House; and that the said Committee do prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That a Bill or Bills be brought in, pursuant to the *fourth*, *seventh*, and *thirteenth* Resolutions of the said Committee, which have been agreed to by the House; and that the Committee of Propositions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*

\* Hening, VIII, p. 190.

3 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 298.

4 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 299.

2 *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 200.





*Ordered*, That a Bill or Bills be brought in, pursuant to the *fifth, sixth, and eighth* Resolutions of the said Committee, which have been agreed to by the House; and that the Committee of Trade do prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, who were ordered to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend an Act, intituled, '*An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*,' that they have Power to receive a Clause or Clauses pursuant to the *eleventh* of the said Resolutions, which hath been agreed to by the House.

35 A *Petition* of the Merchants and Traders of the Town of *Alexandria*, and County of *Fairfax*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that great Quantities of Rum, which is free of Duty in *Maryland* and *Pennsylvania*, are run from those Colonies into the remote Counties of this Colony, to the Discouragement of Trade, and Diminution of the Revenue arising from the Duty imposed on that Liquor here; and therefore praying the House to put the Petitioners on a Footing with their Neighbour Colonists.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* reported, from the Committee of Courts of Justice, that the Committee had had under their Consideration the *Petition* of the Inhabitants of the County of *Amherst*, to them referred, praying that, instead of the Monthly Courts now held, Quarterly Courts, or some other Method of expediting the Trials of Suits, with less Expence and Inconvenience in the Counties, may be established; and had come to a Resolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the same was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said *Petition* is reasonable.

The said *Resolution* being read a second Time, was, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in upon the said *Resolution*; and that the Committee of Courts of Justice do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Consideration several *Petitions* to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Augusta*, praying that the same may be divided into two distinct Counties, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of fundry Inhabitants of the said County, in Opposition thereto, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Counties of *Hanover* and *King William*, praying Relief against the Burthen and Expence of clearing *Pamunkey River* from *Crutchfield's*, *Page's*, and *Meriwether's* Warehouses, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of the Inhabitants of *Middlesex* County, praying that their Court Day may be altered to the Fourth *Monday* in every Month, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of the Inhabitants of *Accomac* County, praying that an Act may pass to oblige the said Inhabitants to kill, annually, a certain Number of Crows and Squirrels for each Tithable, is reasonable.

36 *Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of the Mulattoes and Free Negroes, praying that their Wives and Daughters may be exempted from the Payment of Levies, is reasonable.

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The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That a Bill or Bills be brought in upon the *first, third, fourth, fifth* and *sixth* Resolutions; and that the Committee of Propositions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr *Speaker* acquainted the House, that the Governor had delivered to him, and desired him to lay before the House, a Letter his Excellency had received from Colonel *Adam Stephen*, relative to *John Ingham*, who is accused of having been concerned in the Murder of an *Indian*.

And the said Letter was read.

*Ordered*, That the said Letter do lie upon the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

A *Petition* of fundry Persons, Inhabitants of the County of *Fauquier*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioners are deprived of a providential and plentiful Supply of Fish, by Grist-Mills, Hedges and Stops obstructing their Passage in the River *Hedgman* and *Carter's Run*; and praying Redress.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

Upon a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee for Religion, that they prepare and bring in a Bill for granting Toleration to his Majesty's Subjects, being Protestant Dissenters.

A *Petition* of the Freeholders and Housekeepers of the Parish of *Overwharton*, in the County of *Stafford*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; complaining of fundry Illegal Practices, and unwarrantable Proceedings of the Vestry of the said Parish; and therefore praying that the said Vestry may be dissolved.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Consideration several Petitions, to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that so much of the *Petition* of *Martin Shearman* and *Robert Mitchell*, Inspectors of Tobacco at *Deep Creek* Warehouse in *Lancaster* County, as relates to the Transfer Tobacco, is reasonable; and that they ought to be reimbursed the Sum of 59£. for the same; and that the other Part of the said *Petition* be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of *John Martin* and *James Dishman*, Inspectors of tobacco at *Mattox* Warehouse in *Westmoreland* County, to be reimbursed for the Tobacco therein mentioned, is reasonable; and that they ought to be allowed the Sum of 10£. 3s. 7d. for the Crop, and the further Sum of 17£. 10s. for the Transfer Tobacco. 37

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that so much of the *Petition* of *Thomas Godwin* and *John Reed*, Inspectors of Tobacco at *Milner's* Warehouse in *Nansemond* County, as prays an allowance to be made them for the extraordinary Services therein mentioned, be rejected; and that the other Part of the said *Petition*, praying their Salaries may be increased, is reasonable.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, who were ordered to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend an Act, intituled, 'An Act  
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for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs,' and that they have power to receive a Clause or Clauses pursuant to the third Resolution.

A *Petition* of sundry Persons, Inhabitants of the County of *Fairfax*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth the bad Condition of the Roads from the Mountains to the Town of *Alexandria*; and praying the House to take the Matter into Consideration, and devise some Method for making the Roads more useful.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Munford*, Mr *Eyre*, and Mr *Richard Randolph*, be added to the Committee for Religion.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Munford* be added to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Munford*, Mr *Eyre*, and Mr *Richard Randolph*, be added to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Marable*, Mr *Eyre*, and Mr *Burton* be added to the Committee of Trade.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Burton*, be added to the Committee of Public Claims.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Farmer* and Mr *Pettus* be added to the Committee of Courts of Justice.

*And then the House adjourned until Monday Morning Eleven of the Clock.*

## Monday, the 13th of November, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

MR *Bland* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for dividing the County of *Augusta*, and for other Purposes therein mentioned; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

28 Mr *Bland* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for altering the Court Day of *Middlesex* County; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr *Bland* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to prevent Hogs running at Large in the Town of *Hampton*.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Treasurer* be directed to cause the Sum of 50*£*. to be laid out in suitable Goods, in order that the same may be given to the *Indians* now in Town.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Treasurer* do provide a Stove, to be placed in the House.

A *Petition* of sundry Persons, Inhabitants of the County of *Augusta*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that *American* Hemp is considerably depreciated by the Negligence and ill Management of many Persons who make it; and praying that an Act may pass for the Inspection of Hemp, in the same, or some such Manner, as Tobacco is inspected; and that Inspectors Notes for Hemp may pass in Payment, for the Discharge of Public, County, and Parish Levies.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Trade; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Treasurer* do lay before the House an Account of the Arrears due from the several Sheriffs, since the Tenth Day of *October*, 1755, to this Time, together with an Account of the Judgments that have been obtained against them, and the Executions that have issued in Consequence of those Judgments.

The House being informed that Satisfaction had been made by Mr *Nathaniel Terry* for the Expences incurred on Examination of the Complaint against him for obstructing the





the Election of Members, to serve in the present General Assembly for the County of *Halifax*;

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Public Claims be discharged from proceeding to levy the said Expences on the said *Nathaniel Terry*.

A *Petition* of *John Waugh*, junior, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioner, authorized by a Warrant from the late Lieutenant Governor *Fauquier*, in the Year 1760, having enlisted one *Josephus Phillips*, a Soldier, as he was, agreeably to his Instructions, marching with the said *Josephus Phillips*, and other Recruits, to join the *Virginia* Regiment, the said *Josephus Phillips* was arrested at the Suit of Mefs. *Lenox* and *Scott*, Merchants; and the Petitioner having already advanced 10*£*. the Bounty Money, to the said Soldier, refused to surrender him to the Civil Officer, who served the Writ, but delivered him to an Officer in the Regiment, in which he served until he was legally discharged; and that the said *Lenox* and *Scott* commenced Suit, and recovered Judgment against the Petitioner for the Money due to them from the said *Phillips*, amounting, with Costs, to upwards of 25*£*. and praying that he may be allowed the 10*£*. Bounty Money, paid to the said *Phillips*, which would have been reimbursed if the said Recruit had been delivered up.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Petition* of fundry Freeholders of the County of *Buckingham*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioners are subject to intolerable Grievances from the excessive Power of Inspectors, who may absolutely condemn Tobacco, brought to the Warehouses, without Appeal; and of whom some have been detected in fraudulent Practices, and all are under a Temptation to be rigorous, from the Danger of suffering themselves, if they determine favourably for the Planter's Interest; and farther setting forth, that the Petitioners are in a worse Condition than Persons residing near the navigable Waters, who have no Evil to apprehend to the Grain they make, but from Inclemency of Seasons, and whose Tobacco, though of meaner Quality than what is refused at the Upper Warehouses, is generally passed at the Lower; whereas Tobacco made in remote Parts of the Country, which is almost the only Commodity that can be carried from thence to Market with Advantage, when brought to the Inspection with much Fatigue, undergoes a more severe Examination, and, from unavoidable Accidents in its Transportation, and various other Causes, is often totally rejected, or considerably diminished, to the very great Detriment, and sometimes utter Ruin of the Owners; and therefore praying that the Authority of Inspectors may be modified; and that refused Tobacco may be sold under certain Regulations and Restrictions, or that the Petitioners may be otherwise relieved.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

Several other Members, one of whom was returned upon a new Writ, have taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated and subscribed the Test, took their Places in the House.

A *Petition* of *William Edwards* and *James Price*, Inspectors of Tobacco at *Gray's Creek* Warehouse, in the County of *Surry*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that sometime between the Fifteenth and Nineteenth Days of *July* last, the said Warehouse was broken open, and one Hoghead of Tobacco, belonging to the Estate of *Mr Edward Ambler*, deceased, weighing Twelve Hundred and Seventeen Pounds Nett, stolen out, for which the Petitioners had been obliged to pay the Sum of 13*£*. 13*s*. 10*d*. of Current Money; and therefore praying the House to make the Petitioners such Allowance as shall seem just.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.





A *Petition* of fundry Persons, Inhabitants of the County of *Spottsylvania*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that Crops of Tobacco are now more incertain, from a Change in the Seasons of late Years, and from the exhausted State of the Lands in general, than formerly they were; and that the Inspectors are too scrupulous in passing that Commodity, from the Danger they are subject to by a Review, whereby the Colony sustains a considerable Loss, since  
 40 large Quantities of Tobacco, which are condemned and burned, might be sold to great Advantage; and therefore praying that Inspectors may be obliged to give Receipts for all Tobacco brought to the Warehouses, and refused to be passed, distinguishing the Qualities of it, and that the Owners may be at Liberty to sell it in a reasonable Time.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Benjamin Grymes* and Mr *Thomas Mann Randolph* be added to the Committees of Privileges and Elections, and Propositions and Grievances.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Consideration several *Petitions*, to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of the Inhabitants of *Fairfax* County, praying that all Officers Fees, due from the Inhabitants of any other County, for Services done in the County of *Loudoun*, may be discharged in Money for Tobacco, at the Rate of 12s. 6d. for the Hundred Weight, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of fundry Inhabitants of *Fauquier* County, praying that the Owners of Mills, Hedges, and Stone Stops, erected on the River *Hedgman*, and *Carter's Run*, in the said County, may make Openings or Slopes therein for the Passage of Fish, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of the Vestry and Inhabitants of *Hungar's* Parish, in the County of *Northampton*, praying that an Act may pass to empower the Church-Wardens of the said Parish to lease so much of the Lands belonging to the *Gingaskin* Tribe of *Indians*, situate in the said Parish, as will be sufficient to defray the Expence of maintaining such of the said *Indians* as shall be sick and disabled, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of *Benjamin Foreman*, praying that a Ferry may be established, from his Land, on the *Potowmack* River, in the County of *Frederick*, to the Land of the Right Honourable the Lord *Baltimore*, in the Province of *Maryland*, is reasonable.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in upon the first Resolution; and that the Committee of Courts of Justice, do prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That a Bill or Bills be brought in upon the second and fourth Resolutions; and that the Committee of Propositions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in upon the third Resolution; and that the Committee for Religion do prepare and bring in the same.

The House was moved, that an Act made in the 22<sup>d</sup> Year of the Reign of King. *George* the second, intituled, '*An Act for establishing a Town near Warwick, in the County of Henrico*,' might be read.

41 And the same being read accordingly;

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the said Act; and that Mr *Archibald Cary*, Mr *Wood*, and Mr *Trent*, do prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Trent* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House until Friday next.

And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

<sup>1</sup> Not in Hening. See Acts of Assembly. Edition of 1752, p. 411 Title only.





Tuesday, the 14th of November, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

A *Claim* of *Lot Hackley* for a Gun taken from him for the Use of the Militia of *Prince William County*, which was appraised to One Pound and Seventeen Shillings, and was never returned to him, was presented to the House, and read.

Ordered, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

A *Claim* of *William Blackwell* for a Gun taken from him for the Use of the Militia of *Prince William County*, which was valued to Two Pounds, and was never returned to him, was presented to the House, and read.

Ordered, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

Mr *Bland* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for destroying Crows and Squirrels in the County of *Accomack*: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

A *Claim* of *Hankinson Read*, for the Hire of an Horse, belonging to him, which had been Fifty-five Days in the Service of a Company of the *Culpeper* Militia, stationed on the Frontiers, was presented to the House, and read.

Ordered, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

Another Member having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated and subscribed the Test, took his Place in the House.

A *Claim* of *Robert Rutherford*, for the Pay of certain Soldiers of the *Frederick* Militia, raised by Order of Col. *Adam Stephen*, to suppress an Infurrection of Negroes in the said County, was presented to the House, and read.

Ordered, That the said Claim be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Petition* of *Jacob Stricktor* and *Jacob Coughenor*, on Behalf of themselves, and their Protestant Brethren, of the Sect called Menonists, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioners have retired to this Colony, in Hopes of enjoying the free Exercise of their Religion, and are willing to contribute a proportionable Part of their Estates, whenever the Exigencies of Government may require it, and desirous in every other Respect, as far as they are able, to promote the Public Good; but that they are forbidden by the Dictates of Conscience to bear Arms; and therefore praying that they may be exempt from the Penalties they are subject to for declining military Duty.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon to the House.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm to *George Marshall* a Fee Simple Estate in certain Lands purchased by him of the Vestry of *Hanover Parish*, in the County of *King George*: And that Mr *Charles Carter*, of *King George*, and Mr *Robinson*, do prepare and bring in the same.

A *Petition* of the Practitioners of the Law in the County Courts of this Colony, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioners Fees are for the most Part recoverable only by Warrant, a Method attended with Trouble and Expence, and often impracticable; and therefore praying that their Fees may be distrainable, under just Regulations.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, that the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee;

It passed in the Negative.

Ordered





*Ordered*, That the said Petition be rejected.

Mr *Eyre* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for preventing and suppressing private Lotteries; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

The Order of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into Consideration the Governor's Speech;

*Ordered*, That his Excellency's Speech to the Council and this House, be referred to the said Committee.

*Ordered*, That the Writing intituled '*Alteration in the Boundary Line betwixt Virginia and the Cherokees*,' which was ordered to lie upon the Table, be referred to the said Committee.

*Ordered*, That the Letters to his Excellency, from Colonels *Adam Stephen* and *Felix Seymour*, and Copies of his Excellency's Letters to Col. *Stephen*, and the Commanding Officer of *Fort Pitt*, together with several other Papers, concerning the alarming Reports mentioned in his Excellency's Speech to have been received from the Frontier Parts of this Colony, which were ordered to lie upon the Table, be referred to the said Committee.

Then the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

43 Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred; and that he was directed by the Committee to move that they may have Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will, To-Morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into their further Consideration the Governor's Speech.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Riddick*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Treasurer*, and Mr *Travis*, be added to the Committee of Trade.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Nelson* be added to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Banister*, Mr *Marshall*, Mr *Hamilton*, and Mr *Rutherford*, be added to the Committee for Religion.

*Ordered*; That Mr *Edmundson*, Mr *Marshall*, and Mr *Hamilton*, be added to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Marshall*, Mr *Hamilton*, and Mr *Rutherford*, be added to the Committee of Public Claims.

A Bill for dividing the County of *Augusta*, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Consideration several Petitions, to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *William Edwards* and *James Price*, Inspectors of Tobacco at *Gray's Creek* Warehouses, in *Surry* County, to be reimbursed for the Tobacco therein mentioned, is reasonable; and that they ought to be allowed the Sum of 13 £. 13 s. 10 d. for the same.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *George Slaughter*, to be allowed for the Horse therein mentioned, is reasonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of 9 £. for the said Horse.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *John Thomas*, for an Allowance as a Volunter from this Colony under Col. *Bouquet*, on an Expedition against the *Shawanese* and *Delaware Indians*, is reasonable; and that he ought to be allowed by the Public the Sum of 40 l. as an Acknowledgement of his Merit, and the extraordinary Service he rendered to this Colony, by his gallant Behaviour on the said Expedition.

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The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

A *Bill* for altering the Court Day of *Middlesex* County, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the *Bill* be committed to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

A *Bill* to prevent Hogs running at Large in the Town of *Hampton*, was read a second Time.

And it appearing to the House, that an Act made in the third and fourth Years of the Reign of King *George II.* intituled, '*An Act to prevent Swine running at Large, within the Limits of the Town of Hampton*,' is still in Force;

*Ordered*, That the *Bill* be withdrawn.

And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

### Wednesday. the 15th of November. 10 Geo. III. 1769.

A *Petition* of *Landon Carter*, of the County of *Richmond*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Ferry from the Town of *Tappahannock*, in the County of *Essex*, over *Rappahannock* River, to the Petitioner's Landing, in the County of *Richmond*, is now disused, since the Establishment of later more convenient Ferries in the Neighborhood of it; and therefore praying that an Act may pass for discontinuing the said Ferry from the Town of *Tappahannock* to the Petitioner's Landing.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

*Mr Bland* reported from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Consideration several *Petitions*, to them referred, and had come to several *Resolutions* thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Spottsylvania*, praying that Inspectors may be obliged to give Receipts for all Tobacco brought to the Warehouses, and refused to be passed, distinguishing the Qualities of it, and that the Owners may be at Liberty to sell it in a reasonable Time, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Buckingham*, praying that the Authority of Inspectors may be modified, and that refused Tobacco may be sold under certain Regulations and Restrictions, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of the Manufacturers of Leather within this Colony, praying relief against the Exportation of raw Hides, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of the Justices and Inhabitants of *James City* County, praying to be relieved from the Expence of maintaining the Causeway over *Sandy Bay*, to *James Town* Ferry, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petitions* of the Inhabitants of *Brunswick* and *Suffex* Counties, praying that so much of the Act of the General Assembly, intituled, '*An Act for increasing the Rates of Ferriage at Swan's Point, James Town, and Crouche's Creek, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, as relates to the Increase of the said Ferriages*,' may be repealed, are reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of *William Spratley*, Gentleman, Sheriff of *James City* County, praying that so much of the Boundary between the said County of *James City* and the County of *York*, as runs through the City of *Williamsburg*, may be ascertained, is reasonable.

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\* Hening gives titles only, IV, p. 306.

\* *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 263.





The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That a Bill or Bills be brought in upon the fifth and sixth *Resolutions*; and that the Committee of Propositions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the same.

Upon a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Relief of Parishes from such Charges as may accrue from Bastard Children born within the same; and that Mr *Bland*, Mr *Riddick*, and Mr *Henry Lee*, do prepare and bring in the same.

Upon a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, that they prepare and bring in a Bill to make Provision for the Support and Maintenance of Idiots, Lunatics, and other Persons of unsound Minds.

The House was moved, that part of an Act made in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of King George II. intituled, '*An Act directing the Trial of Slaves committing capital Crimes, and for the more effectual punishing Conspiracies and Insurrections of them; and for the better Government of Negroes, Mulattoes, and Indians, bond or free,*' might be read.

And the same being read accordingly;

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, to amend the Act, intituled, '*An Act to amend the Act for the better Government of Servants and Slaves,*' that they have Power to receive a Clause or Clauses, for amending so much of the said Act, as impowers the County Court to order and direct the dismembering of Slaves, who are notoriously guilty of going abroad in the Night, or running away, and laying out, and who cannot be reclaimed by the common Methods of Punishment.

A *Petition* of sundry Freeholders and Housekeepers of the County of *Augusta*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that a Road over the *Blue Ridge* of Mountains, from *Payne's Run*, in the County of *Augusta*, to *Thurman's*, in the County of *Albemarle*, would considerably shorten the Distance the Petitioners are now obliged to carry their Commodities to Market; but that the Petitioners alone are unable to clear the said Road, and make it passable; and therefore praying that the necessary Expence of effecting so useful a Work may be defrayed by the Public, or else that the Court of the said County of *Augusta* may be impowered to levy the same on the tithable Persons of the said County.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Trades; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr *James Walker* be added to the Committee for Religion, and to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Mr *Treasurer* reported, from the Committee for Religion, that the Committee had had under their Consideration several *Petitions*, to them referred, and had come to several *Resolutions* thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of the Minister and Vestry of *St. Mark's* Parish, in the County of *Culpeper*, praying that an Act may pass to enable them to sell the Glebe of the said Parish, and to purchase a better and more convenient Glebe, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that so much of the *Petition* of the Minister and Vestry of the Parish of *Meherrin*, in the County of *Brunswick*, as prays that they may be impowered to sell their Glebe Lands, and to purchase a better and more convenient Glebe, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Residue of the said *Petition*, praying that they may be impowered to lay out the Surplus of the Money arising from

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VI, p. 104

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 135.





from such Sale, in Buildings and Improvements on the Glebe so to be purchased, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of fundry Inhabitants of the upper End of *Southfarnham* Parish, in the County of *Essex*, praying that Part of the said Parish may be included in the Parish of *St. Anne's*, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Parish of *Overwharton*, in the County of *Stafford*, praying that the Vestry of the said Parish may be dissolved, be heard before the Committee the twelfth Day of *December* next.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Minister or Clerk of the said Vestry be served with a Copy of the said Petition, and have ten Days previous Notice of the Time when the said Petition is to be heard before the Committee; and that they, or either of them, give the same Notice to the said Vestry.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Clerk of the said Vestry do attend the Committee, at the Time aforesaid, with the Vestry Books relative to the Subject-Matter of the said Petition.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That a Bill or Bills be brought in upon the first, second, and fourth *Resolutions*; and that the Committee for Religion do prepare and bring in the same.

A *Petition* of fundry Persons, Inhabitants of the County of *Brunswick*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, 47  
that the Petitioners, by the Laws now in Force, cannot discharge their Public, County, and Parish Dues, and Officers Fees, in Tobacco Notes of any Inspection lower down *James River* than *Cabin Point*, which is very inconvenient to the Petitioners; and therefore praying that an Act may pass, declaring all Tobacco Notes, on the Warehouses from *Milner's*, in *Nansemond* County, to *Bolling's Point* on *Appomattox*, to be payable for all Public, County, and Parish Dues, and for all Officers Fees, owing from the said Inhabitants.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

*Mr Eyre* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Thomas Fisher*, junior, is seized, and for Settling certain Slaves of greater Value, to the same Uses; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into their further Consideration the Governor's Speech.

*Mr Speaker* left the Chair.

*Mr Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

*Mr Speaker* resumed the Chair.

*Mr Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had come to several *Resolutions*, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Preservation of Peace and good Order in every Community, depends entirely upon the due Execution of the Laws made for that salutary Purpose.

*Resolved*, That the Right of making War and Peace being an inherent Prerogative of the Crown; after the late Peace, with the several Tribes of *Indians*, had been established, every Act of Violence committed on their Persons by any of his Majesty's Subjects, contrary to the Terms of Peace and Amity subsisting between the Crown and the several Tribes of *Indians*, is a high Offence against the Government.

*Resolved*, That the murdering any of the said *Indians* is a Crime of the most atrocious and inhuman Nature, contrary to all Laws both human and divine, and ought to meet with the most exemplary Punishment.

*Resolved*





*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Laws of this Colony are amply sufficient to protect and defend his Majesty's Subjects, in the free Exercise and Enjoyment of their just Rights and Liberties, if the same are obeyed duly.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that every Obstruction given to the free Course of Law and Justice, is an Offence against the Public.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Rescue or Delivery from Gaol of any Person or Persons legally confined for the Commission or supposed Commission of Murder, Felony, or other Offence, is a high Crime and Misdemeanor, and ought to be severely punished.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the rescuing several Persons legally apprehended upon Suspicion of their having murdered several *Indians*, is the highest Insult upon Government; and that the Persons concerned in such Rescue ought to be pursued by every legal Method, and brought to condign Punishment.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that all Treaties with the *Indians* for opening or extending a Trade with them, or for other Purposes, ought to be made by or under the Authority of Government only; and that for any private Person or Persons to enter into a Negotiation with the *Indians*, or invite them into the Colony for such Treaty, is a great Misdemeanor, and may be attended with the most dangerous Consequences.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that an humble and dutiful Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, expressing our Abhorrence of the cruel and inhuman Murders of the *Indians*, on the Frontiers of this Colony; returning our Thanks for the Steps which his Excellency hath already taken; and desiring that he will be pleased to pursue such other legal Measures, as his Lordship may judge most conducive and proper to bring the Offenders, and all those concerned in rescuing them from the Hand of Justice, to exemplary and condign Punishment; and assuring his Lordship that we so entirely concur with him in Opinion, as to the Necessity of giving Stability and Permanence to this respectable Government, that we will, upon all Occasions, exert our utmost Efforts in seconding his Lordship's Endeavours to preserve the Laws of our excellent Constitution inviolate.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland*, Mr *Treasurer*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, and Mr *Henry*, do wait on his Excellency with the ninth Resolution.

Mr *Bland* also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into their further Consideration the Governor's Speech.

Upon a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for giving a Salary to the Speaker of the House of Burgesses; and that Mr *Archibald Cary* do prepare and bring in the same.

A *Claim* of *Thomas Caldwell*, for his Pay as a Soldier, in the Years 1756 and 1757, was presented to the House, and read;

*Ordered*, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

The House was moved, that an Act made in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of King *George II.* intituled, *An Act concerning Water Mills*, might be read.

And the same being read accordingly;

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the said Act; and that the Committee of Propositions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the same.

*And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.*

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Thursday, the 16th of November. 10 Geo. III. 1769.

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A *Petition* of William Poindexter and John Apperson, Inspectors of Tobacco, at Littlepage's Warehouses, in the County of New Kent, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the said Warehouses, sometime in July and August last, were broken open, and sundry Parcels of Tobacco, amounting to 4096 lbs. Nett, stolen there-out; and praying the House to make them such Allowance as may seem just.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Petition* of David Mead and Sarah his Wife, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioners are seized, in Right of the Wife, as Tenants in Fee Tail of and in a Tract or Parcel of Land, in the County of Northampton, situate on King's Creek, and the Bay of Chesapeake, and containing Six Hundred Acres; and that it will be greatly to the Advantage of the Petitioners and their Posterity, to dock the Intail of the said Lands, and in Lieu thereof, to settle others in the County of Halifax, of equal or greater Value; and therefore praying that an Act may pass for that Purpose.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer of the said *Petition*: And that Mr Jefferson, Mr Eyre, Mr Starke, and Mr Munford, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr Starke presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to repeal the several Acts of Assembly, prohibiting the tending of Tobacco Seconds, Slips, or Suckers: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

A *Petition* of sundry Persons, Inhabitants of the County of Spottsylvania, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioners are obliged to attend General Muster and Courts Martial, at Fredericksburg, which is far distant from their Habitations; and praying that the General Musters and Courts Martial may be appointed to be held at a more convenient Place, near to the Center of the said County.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

Another Member having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated and subscribed the Test, took his Place in the House.

Mr Edmund Pendleton reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had had under their Consideration the Returns of several other Writs for electing Burgesses to serve in this present General Assembly, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, viz.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Return of the Writs for electing Burgesses for the Counties of Frederick and Lunenburg, and for the Town of James City, are made in the Form prescribed by Law.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Return of the Writs for electing Burgesses for the Counties of Bedford, Prince William, and King George, are not made in the Form prescribed by Law.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Returns of the several Writs in the last Resolution mentioned, be amended by the Clerk at the Table.

And the same were amended accordingly.

*Ordered*, That Mr Treasurer do lay his Accounts before the House.

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A Claim of *John Hickman* for the Ferriages of several Criminals, was presented to the House, and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

The Order of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into their further Consideration the Governor's Speech;

Mr *Speaker* acquainted the House, that the Governor had delivered to him fundry Papers relative to the Boundary Line, betwixt this Colony and the *Cherokees*, mentioned in his Excellency's Speech; and he delivered the said Papers in at the Clerk's Table.

*Ordered*, That the said Papers be referred to the said Committee.

Then the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had come to several Resolutions, which they had directed him to report, when the House will please to receive the same.

*Ordered*, That the Report be received To-Morrow.

Mr *Treasurer*, according to Order, laid his Accounts before the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be perused by Members of the House.

And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

## Friday, the 17th of November, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

MR *Harrison* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act to oblige the Persons bringing Slaves into this Colony from Maryland, Carolina, and the West-Indies, for their own Use, to pay a Duty*; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr *Harrison* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act for establishing Pilots, and regulating their Fees*; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr *Harrison* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act to continue and amend an Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers*; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr *Bland* reported, that the Gentlemen appointed had, according to order, waited on the Governor with the Resolution of the Committee of the whole House, which was agreed to by the House on Wednesday last; and that his Excellency was pleased to say, he was highly pleased with the Resolution of the House of Burgeffes, as it concurred intirely with his own Sentiments.

Mr *Speaker* acquainted the House, That the Governor had delivered to him a Plan for checking the Entries of Tobacco in the Custom-Houses, in the Provinces of *Virginia* and *Maryland*, sent to his Excellency by the Commissioners at *Boston*, with his Answer, and their Reply thereunto annexed, and desired him to lay them before the House; and he delivered the same in at the Clerk's Table.

And the said Plan and Papers thereunto annexed were read.

*Ordered*, That the said Plan, with the Papers thereunto annexed, do lie upon the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

Mr *Harrison* reported from the Committee of Trade, that the Committee had had under their Consideration several Petitions, to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VII, p. 338.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VII, p. 580.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 190.





*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Augusta*, praying that an Act may pass for the Inspection of Hemp, in the same, or some such Manner, as Tobacco is inspected; and that Inspectors Notes for Hemp may pass in Payment for Discharge of Public, County, and Parish Levies, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that so much of the Petition of fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Augusta*, as prays that an Allowance may be made by the Public for clearing a Road over the *Blue Ridge* of Mountains, from *Payne's Run* in the said County to *Thurman's* in the County of *Albemarle*, is reasonable: And that they ought to be allowed by the Public, the Sum of 100 £. for that Purpose.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That so much of the said Petition, as prays that the Court of the said County may be empowered to levy any Sum of Money that may be thought necessary to defray the further Expences of clearing the said Road, on the Tithable Persons thereof, is reasonable.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That a Bill or Bills be brought in upon the said Resolutions; and that the Committee of Trade do prepare and bring in the same. 52

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* presented to the House, according to order, a Bill for continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act for appointing a Treasurer*; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for further continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act for reducing the several Acts of Assembly for making Provision against Invasions and Insurrections, into one Act*; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for establishing Quarterly Courts, instead of Monthly Courts, in certain Counties; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr *Bland*, according to Order, reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom it was referred to consider further of the Governor's Speech, the Resolutions which the Committee had directed him to report to the House, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, viz.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Line running from the Place where the *Carolina* Line, when extended in a due West Direction, will intersect *Holston's* River, to the Mouth of the Great *Kanhawa*, will be near 200 Miles in Length; and that it will pass through a Country remarkably full of high and rugged Mountains, of difficult and dangerous Access, and intersected with many Water-Courses.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the present Posture of *Indian* Affairs will make the sending a strong Guard of armed Men, necessary for the Protection of those that may be commissioned to run the said Line, as it will pass through a Country uninhabited, and where those *Indians*, who at present seem most inclined to Hostility, do frequently pass.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a great Part of the valuable Territory lately ceded to his Majesty by the Northern *Indians*, lying on the *Ohio*, below the Mouth of the Great *Kanhawa*, will, by the said Line, be separated and divided from the *British* Territory, on the upper Part of *Holston's* River, and the Great *Kanhawa*, as well as from the Territory on the upper Part of the *Ohio*, which will greatly impede, and may altogether prevent the settling of that valuable and extensive Country, which, from its Situation, opened the fairest Prospect of a beneficial Commerce with the Mother Country, as well as a new and extensive Trade with several Tribes of Western *Indians*, hitherto enjoyed





enjoyed by the Subjects of *France*: By means whereof many *Indian Nations*, hitherto living in a State of Enmity towards his Majesty, may be made friendly, and useful in extending the Trade and Navigation of *Great-Britain*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said Line will, if it is established, constantly open to the *Indians* or others, Enemies to his Majesty, a free and easy Access to the Heart of the Country lying on the *Ohio*, *Holston's* River, and the Great *Kanhawa*; whereby the Settlements, which may be attempted in that valuable Country, may be destroyed; and that the great and fertile Country on the *Ohio* from the Mouth of the Great *Kanawha*, to the Mouth of the *Cherokee* River, extending Eastward as far as the *Laurel Hill*, so lately ceded to his Majesty, and to which no *Indians* at present set up any Claim, will be left for the Possession of the *Cherokees*: In Consequence whereof, Claims, destructive of the true Interests of his Majesty, may, at some future Time, arise, and Acquisitions, justly ranked amongst the most valuable of the late War, be altogether lost.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that Lands, which have been granted by Patents, regularly obtained, according to the known and fixed Rules of Government here, if the said Line is established, will be thereby dismembered from this Colony, allotted to the *Indians*, and lost to the Proprietors, who were authorized by the Laws of this Colony, and encouraged by Instructions to a late Governor, to become resident thereon.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that a Line, beginning at the Western Termination of the *North-Carolina* Line, and running thence in a due West Direction to the *Ohio* River, may be run and extended at a much less Expence, than the other proposed Line; and that it is necessary for the Safety and Advantage of his Majesty's Subjects, and would tend greatly to encrease his Majesty's Revenues, and the Trade and Navigation of the Western Part of this Dominion, to purchase from the *Cherokee Indians* all their Lands, which the said due West Line would include, and which the said *Indians* are willing to sell; especially, if his Majesty would be graciously pleased, in his Princely Wisdom, to discourage all Monopolies, and strengthen our Barrier, by granting those Lands in small or moderate Quantities, to such Adventurers as might incline to seat and settle the same.

*Resolved*, therefore, that it is the Opinion of this Committee, that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, expressing our unfeigned Thanks for his Majesty's kind Attention to the Interests of this Colony, in approving the Report from the Right Honourable Board of Trade and Plantations, in Favour of a more extended Boundary; as we are convinced that his Majesty's sole Motive for so doing, arose from his most gracious Inclination to promote the Security and Happiness of his Subjects; but, at the same Time, and with all Humility and Deference to his Royal Wisdom, representing to his Lordship our Apprehensions, that his Majesty has not yet been made properly and fully acquainted with the true Situation of the Frontiers of this Colony; and entreating his Lordship, that he will be pleased to transmit a more perfect State of the Matter to his Majesty, and endeavor to procure for this Colony such farther Indulgencies, in extending its Boundary, in such Manner as his Majesty, in his great Wisdom, may think just and right, assuring his Lordship, that we shall, at all Times, be ready and willing cheerfully to comply with every Requisition in our Power, that may tend to promote the Honour and Dignity of his Majesty's Crown, the Extension of the *British* Dominions, and the true Interests of this Colony.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address, to be presented to the Governor, upon the seventh Resolution.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Bland*, Mr *Treasurer*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Henry*, Mr *Riddick*, Mr *Thomas Walker*, Mr *Banister*, Mr *Jones*, Mr *Nelson*, and Mr *Archibald Cary*.

*Ordered*





*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee, that they prepare a Memorial, to be presented to the Governor, upon the said Resolutions.

A *Petition* of *John Henry* was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioner, when he set about a General Survey of the Colony, intended to have measured the Public Roads, but, for want of proper Encouragement, had not been able to execute it; that this Deficiency may be made good by printed Tables, after the Roads are measured; and that such Mensuration will be for the Benefit of the Community, by ascertaining the Distances Jurymen and Witnesses travel to the Supreme Courts on the Trials of Criminals; and, forasmuch as the Petitioner had been at considerable Expence in forming his Map, and had transmitted it to *London*, to be printed, therefore praying the House to grant him such a Consideration as will enable him to measure the Public Roads throughout the Colony.

A *Motion* was made, and the Question being put, that the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee;

It passed in the Negative.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be rejected.

A *Petition* of sundry Persons, Inhabitants of the County of *Frederick*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth the bad Condition of the Roads from the Mountains to the Towns of *Fredericksburg* and *Alexandria*, and other convenient Ports; praying the House to take the Matter into Consideration, and devise some Method for making the Roads more useful.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Petition* of *William Rind*, *Alexander Purdie* and *John Dixon*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioners having been employed to print the Acts of Assembly by the Committee appointed to collect them, imported from *England* a Quantity of Leather for binding them, which cost 234*£*. 0*s*. 6*d*. Sterling; that the Leather being unfit for the Purpose, and not agreeable to their Directions the Petitioners resolved to return it, and sent it to *Yorktown*, where it was stored in a Warehouse, in order to be rehipped, and exported, but no Commander of a Vessel would take it on Board, because the Bulk of the Package, which could not be safely separated; and therefore the Petitioners brought the Leather back, that they might make the best of it; but found it intirely rotted and spoiled by some Accident or other whilst it remained in the Warehouse; and further setting forth, that the Consideration they will be intitled to by the Agreement they entered into with the Committee, will not give a moderate Profit on the Work; and therefore praying to be reimbursed the Value of the said Leather, and to be allowed a further Satisfaction for printing and binding the Laws.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House. 55

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee, that they consider of a proper Satisfaction to be made the Committee who collected the Acts of Assembly for the Press, and to the Clerk they employed in that Service.

A *Petition* of the Minister and sundry Persons, Inhabitants of the Parish of *Hamilton*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that, from the large Extent of the Parish, it is not in the Minister's Power to perform his Duty, as a Preacher, to the whole Parish, in a regular Manner; and many of the Inhabitants reside so far from their Parish Churches that they can but seldom attend Divine Service; and praying, that the said Parish may be divided by a straight Line, to begin at the North Fork of *Broad Run*, at an Angle that divides the said Parish of *Hamilton* from the Parish of *Dettingen*, and to end at two red Oaks, on the Bank of the North Fork of *Rappahannock River*, in the Plantation of *Jesse Williams*.

*Ordered*

1 Phillips, *Virginia Cartography*, pp. 53-56.



*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr *Bland* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for paying Officers Fees due from the Inhabitants of other Counties, for Services done in the County of *Loudoun*: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr *Bland* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for exempting Free Negro, Mulatto, and *Indian* Women, from the Payment of Levies: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr *Bland* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to empower the Church-Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of *Hungars*, in the County of *Northampton*, to lease certain Lands therein mentioned: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Mason* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House for the Recovery of his Health.

A Petition of *Tristram Nofworthy*, of *Nansemond* County, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioner's Land is so situate, that it will be more convenient for him to attend Courts and other public Places in the County of *Isle of Wight*, than in his own County; and therefore praying that Part of the lower Parish *Nansemond*, from the County Line on *James* River, to the Mouth of the *Chuckatuck* Creek, and up the said Creek to a small Creek, called *Chuckatuck Bay*, and up the said last mentioned Creek till it intersects the County Line, and down the said Line to *James* River, may be added to the Parish of *Newport* and County of *Isle of Wight*.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

50 A Petition of *Edward Westmore*, Keeper of the Public Gaol, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth the present Dearthness of Provisions; and praying to be allowed the additional Salary of Fifteen Pounds, which his Predecessors had enjoyed.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Lyne* be added to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, and of Public Claims.

Mr *Treasurer* reported, from the Committee for Religion, that the Committee had had under their Consideration the Petition of the Sect of Protestant Dissenters, called *Menonists*, and had come to a Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the same was read, and is as followeth, viz.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Sect of Protestant Dissenters, called *Menonists*, praying that they may be exempt from the Penalties they are subject to for declining military Duty, is reasonable.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, who were appointed to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the thirteenth Resolution of the Committee of Courts of Justice, which was agreed to by the House on *Saturday* last, that they make Provision in the said Bill for exempting *Menonists* from the Penalties they are subject to for declining military Duty.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Riddick*, and Mr *Benjamin Baker* have Leave to be absent from the Service of the House till *Monday* Sevenight.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Roane* have Leave to be absent from the Service of the House till *Wednesday* next.

And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Saturday





Saturday, the 18th of November, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

**A**NOTHER Member having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated and subscribed the Test, took his Place in the House.

Mr Charles Carter, of King George, presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to confirm to George Marshall the Fee Simple Estate in certain Lands, purchased by him of the Vestry of Hanover, in the County of King George: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr Richard Henry Lee presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled, *An Act for increasing the Rewards for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the respective Counties, wherein the Services shall be performed*: And the same was received, and read the first Time. 57

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr Richard Henry Lee presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to regulate the Practice of suing out and prosecuting Writs of Replevin, in Cases of Distresses for Rents, in this Colony: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr Richard Henry Lee presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for further continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That an Account of the annual Produce of the Duties upon Skins and Furs from the Year 1750 to the Year 1768, inclusively, be laid before this House.

Mr Treasurer presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for adding Part of the Parish of Southfarnham to the Parish of Saint Anne: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

The House was moved, that Part of an Act, made in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of King George the II. intituled, *An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions; and for Relief of insolvent Debtors*, might be read.

And the same being read accordingly;

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to alter and amend the said Act: And that Mr Richard Baker, Mr Edmund Pendleton, and Mr Bland, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr Bland presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for adding Twenty Acres of Land, whereof Patrick Ramsay is seized, to the Town of Blandford; And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to examine the Treasurer's Accounts, and that they do state in Account, as well the Balance due from the late Treasurer to the Public, as the several Funds by Law appropriated for the Redemption of the Treasury Notes, together with the Amount of such Notes remaining in Circulation.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr Bland, Mr Richard Henry Lee, Mr Archibald Cary, Mr Harrison, Mr Charles Carter, of Lancaster, Mr Eyre, and Mr Henry.

*Ordered*, that Mr Treasurer's Accounts, which were ordered to lie upon the Table, be referred to the said Committee.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, who are appointed to bring in a Bill to amend the Act, intituled, *An Act to amend the Act for the better Government of Servants and Slaves*; that they have Power to receive a Clause

\* Hening, VIII, p. 147.

\* Ibid., V, p. 326.

\* Ibid., V, p. 326.

\* Ibid., VIII, p. 135.





Claufe or Claufes to prevent Mafters, or Owners of Slaves, from licencing them to go at Large, as Freeman, under Contracts to pay the faid Mafters or Owners certain Wages.

68 A *Petition* of fundry Perfons, Inhabitants of the County of Mecklenburg, was prefented to the Houfe, and read; fetting forth, that the Inconveniencies intended to be remedied by the A<sup>ct</sup> made in the feventh Year of his prefent Majefty's Reign, intituled, *An A<sup>ct</sup> for exempting the Inhabitants of Mecklenburg County, and alfo the Minifter, and other Parifhioners of Saint James's Parifh, in the faid County, from the Payment of Ferriage, on Sundays, Court Days, and on the Days appointed for General Mufters*, are trivial, and in a great Meafure removed; and therefore praying that the faid A<sup>ct</sup> may be repealed.

*Ordered*, That the faid *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Propofitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the fame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houfe.

A *Petition* of William Christian was prefented to the Houfe, and read; fetting forth, that the Petitioner enlisted John Hamilton to ferve, as a Soldier, in his Company of Militia, in the Year 1764, and paid him Forty Shillings, the Bounty Money, then allowed, by A<sup>ct</sup> of Affembly, to thofe who engaged to ferve for a Year; and that the faid John Hamilton engaged to ferve for a Year, and continued in the Service till he was difcharged; but that the Petitioner neglected to annex an Account of the faid Bounty Money to the Pay-Roll, and had not received it; and therefore praying to be allowed the faid Forty Shillings.

*Ordered*, that the faid *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the fame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houfe.

Mr Bland reported, from the Committee of Propofitions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Confideration feveral *Petitions*, to them referred, and had come to feveral Refolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the fame were read, and are as followeth, viz.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of Landon Carter, praying that fo much of the A<sup>ct</sup> of the General Affembly, paffed in the Twenty-second Year of his late Majefty George II. intituled, *An A<sup>ct</sup> for the Settlement and Regulation of Ferries, and for Difpatch of public Exprefses*, as eftablifhes a Ferry from the Town of Tappahannock in the County of Effex, to the faid Carter's Landing in the County of Richmond, may be repealed, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of the Inhabitants of the Borough of Norfolk, and other Parts of this Colony, praying that the Practice of inoculating the Small-Pox, may be regulated by Law, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petitions* of divers Inhabitants of this Colony, praying that the Practice of inoculating the Small-Pox, may be prohibited by Law, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of the Inhabitants of Frederick and Fairfax Counties, praying that the Public Roads may be rendered more useful, is reasonable.

59 *Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the *Petition* of the Inhabitants of Brunswick County, praying that an A<sup>ct</sup> may pafs to allow them to pay their Tobacco Dues and Officers Fees at all the Warehoufes, from Milner's, in Nanfemond, to Bolling's Point, on Appomattox, is reasonable.

The faid *Resolutions* being feverally read a fecond Time, were, upon the Queftion feverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houfe.

*Ordered*, That it be an Inftruction to the Committee of Propofitions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill purfuant to the fourth Refolution of the faid Committee, which was agreed to by the Houfe on Monday laft, that they have Power to receive a Claufe or Claufes, purfuant to the firft of the faid Refolutions this Day agreed to by the Houfe.

*Ordered*

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 257.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VI, p. 13.





*Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the *second* of the said Resolutions; and that the Committee of Propositions and Grievances do prepare, and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill pursuant to the *seventh* Resolution of the Committee for Courts of Justice, which was agreed to by the House on *Saturday* last, that they have Power to receive a Clause or Clauses, pursuant to the fourth of the said Resolutions this Day agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for amending an Act, intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*, that they have Power to receive a Clause or Clauses pursuant to the fifth of the said Resolutions this Day agreed to by the House.

Mr *Treasurer* reported, from the Committee for Religion, that the Committee had had under their Consideration the Petition of sundry Persons, Inhabitants of the Parish of *Hamilton*, in the Counties of *Fauquier* and *Prince William*, and had come to a Resolution thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Parish of *Hamilton*, in the Counties of *Fauquier* and *Prince William*, praying a Division thereof, is reasonable.

The said *Resolution* being read a second Time, was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House,

*Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the said Resolution; and that the Committee for Religion do prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Greenhill* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House for a Fortnight.

A *Petition* of *John Burke* was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that in the latter End of the Year 1764, the Petitioner's Negro Man Slave, named *Sam*, having run away and committed Felony, and having been regularly outlawed, in order to avoid Punishment, hanged himself; and therefore praying that the Value of the said Slave may be paid to the Petitioner by the Public.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Roy*, Proprietor of the Public Warehouses, called *Roy's*, in the County of *Caroline*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioner lately built a Wharf at the said Warehouses, for delivering Tobacco from thence, at the Expence of Eighteen Pounds, which the Rents of the Warehouses are so far from being sufficient to reimburse, that they are not equal to the Charges of repairing the said Houses; and therefore praying that the said Eighteen Pounds may be repaid to the Petitioner by the Public. 60

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Petition* of sundry Persons, Inhabitants of the Counties of *Albemarle*, *Amherst*, and *Buckingham*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that a Ferry over the *Fluvanna* River will be very convenient to Persons travelling to and from those Counties; and therefore praying that a Ferry may be established from the Land of *Benjamin Howard*, Gentleman, in the said County of *Buckingham*, on the South Side of the said River, to the Land of *Neill Campbell*, in the said County of *Albemarle*, on the other Side.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

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A *Petition of James Roberts, jun.* of the County of *Pittsylvania*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that a Tract of Land, belonging to the Petitioner, whereon the Court-House of the said County stands, is commodiously situated for a Town; and therefore praying that Fifty Acres of the said Land, adjacent to the said Court-House, may be laid off for a Town; that no Person be allowed to build Wooden Chimnies, or raise Hogs therein; and that Fairs be held there, on the first *Mondays* in *April* and *October*, annually.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Bill* for preventing and suppressing private Lotteries was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the *Bill* be ingrossed.

A *Bill* for destroying Crows and Squirrels in the County of *Accomack*, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the *Bill* be committed.

*Resolved*, That the *Bill* be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

*Resolved*, That this House will now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the said *Bill*.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Treasurer* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr *Treasurer* reported, from the Committee, that they had gone through the *Bill*, and made several Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the House will please to receive the same.

61 *Ordered*, That the Report be received upon *Monday* next.

And then the House adjourned till *Monday Morning* next Eleven of the Clock.

## Monday, the 20th of November, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

SEVERAL other Members having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated and subscribed the Test, took their Seats in the House.

A *Petition of John Lewis and William Brown*, Inspectors of Tobacco at *Blandford*, in the County of *Prince George*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that there are good Grounds to suspect that several considerable Parcels of Tobacco have been stolen out of those Warehouses, and others in that Neighborhood; and further setting forth, that the Quantity of Tobacco brought to the said Warehouses is greater than it was heretofore, and probably will very much increase; and therefore praying that some more effectual Security against stealing Tobacco out of Warehouses may be provided; and that the Petitioners Salaries may be increased.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Petition of the Minister and Vestry of the Parish of Dettingen*, setting forth, that the Glebe Land of the said Parish is inconveniently situated, and that the Mansion House thereon was lately burned down, and the other Houses much out of Repair; and therefore praying that the Petitioners may be empowered to sell the said Glebe Land, and purchase another.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Petition of several Persons, Inhabitants of the County of Augusta*, on the South Side of *James River*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed: And also





A *Petition* of several Persons, Inhabitants of the County of *Bedford*, and other adjacent Counties, whose Names are thereunto subscribed;

Were severally presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that much Difficulty and Expence attend the Carriage of Tobacco to the Warehouses, which are at a very great Distance from the Petitioners; and therefore praying that an Inspection of Tobacco may be appointed at the Town of *New-London*, in the County of *Bedford*.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petitions* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House. 62

Upon a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to explain and amend one Act of Assembly made in the Fourth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act* <sup>1</sup> *for regulating the Election of Burgeffes, for settling their Privileges, and for ascertaining their Allowances*; and also one other Act made in the tenth Year of the Reign of King *George* II. intituled, *An Act* <sup>2</sup> *to declare who shall have a Right to vote in the Election of Burgeffes, to serve in the General Assembly for Counties; and for preventing fraudulent Conveyances, in order to multiply Votes at such Elections*: And that Mr *Bland* and Mr *Archibald Cary* do prepare and bring in the same.

A *Petition* of Mr *Thomas Harrison* was presented to the House, and read; complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Thomas Marshall*, to serve in this present General Assembly, for the County of *Fauquier*.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr *Blair* presented to the House, pursuant to their Order, an Account of the annual Produce of the Duties upon Skins and Furs, from the Year 1750, to the Year 1768, inclusively.

*Ordered*, That the said Account be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, pursuant to the fourth Resolution of the Committee for Courts of Justice, which was agreed to by the House on *Saturday* was Sevenight last.

Mr *Treasurer*, according to Order, reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill for destroying Crows and Squirrels in the County of *Accomack* was committed, the Amendments which the Committee had made to the Bill, and which they directed him to report to the House; and he read the report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a second Time, one by one; and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, were, with Amendments to several of them, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

A *Petition* of *Armistead Lightfoot*, Gentleman, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioner is seized, in Fee Tail of and in two valuable Tracts of Land, in the County of *Goochland*, commonly called and known by the Names of *Dover* and *Beaver-Dam*, but hath not a sufficient Number of Slaves to cultivate and improve them; and therefore praying that an Act may pass to dock the Intail of Three Thousand Acres, part of a Tract of Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty-six Acres of Land, in the County of *Brunswick*, whereof he is also seized in Fee Tail; and that the Money arising from the Sale thereof, may be laid out in Slaves, to be annexed to the said *Dover* and *Beaver-Dam* Tracts.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the Prayer of the said *Petition*: And that Mr *Dudley Digges* and Mr *Nelson* do prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Tebbs* and Mr *Talbot* be added to the Committees of Propositions and Grievances, and of Public Claims. 63

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<sup>1</sup> Henning, III, p. 236.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, IV, p. 475.



Mr *Archibald Cary* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for giving Salary to the Speaker of the House of Burgesses: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

A Bill to repeal the several Acts of Assembly, prohibiting the tending of Tobacco Seconds, Slips, or Suckers, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Starke*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, and Mr *Archibald Cary*.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Consideration several Petitions, to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That so much of the Petition of *James Roberts*, Junior, as prays that an Act may pass for establishing a Town on the Land of the said *Roberts* in the County of *Pittsylvania*, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that so much of the said Petition as prays that Fairs may be annually held in the said Town, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of fundry Inhabitants of *Albemarle*, *Amherst*, and *Buckingham* Counties, praying that a Ferry may be established from the Land of *Benjamin Howard* in *Buckingham* County, across the *Fluvanna* River, to the Land of *Neill Campbell* in *Albemarle* County, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Mecklenburg* County, praying that an Act of Assembly, passed in the seventh Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for exempting the Inhabitants of Mecklenburg County, and also the Minister and other Parishioners of St. James's Parish in the said County, from the Payment of Ferriage on Sundays, Court Days, and on the Days appointed for General Musters*, may be repealed, is reasonable.

The said Resolutions being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the first Resolution; and that the Committee of Propositions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill pursuant to the fourth Resolution of the said Committee, which was agreed to by the House upon Monday last, that they have Power to receive a Clause or Clauses, pursuant to the third and fourth of the said Resolutions of the said Committee this Day agreed to by the House.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to vest certain intailed Lands, therein mentioned, in *Charles Carter*, and for settling other Lands to the same Uses: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

64 *Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the Thanks of this House be given to the Reverend Mr *Willie*, for the excellent Sermon by him preached Yesterday before this House, at *Bruton Church*, in *Williamsburg*; and that he be desired to print the same: And that Mr *Starke* and Mr *David Mason* do acquaint him therewith.

A Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *Thomas Fisher*, jun. is seized, and for settling certain Slaves, of greater Value, to the same Uses, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to the Members who serve for the Counties of *Northampton* and *Accomack*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, and Mr *Carrington*.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Consideration several Petitions, to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*





*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *William Ramsay*, to be allowed for the Horfe therein mentioned, is reafonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of Twelve Pounds for the faid Horfe.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *John Burke*, to be allowed for the Slave therein mentioned, be rejected.

The faid *Resolutions* being feverally read a fecond Time, were, upon the Queftion feverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houfe.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Priest* was prefented to the Houfe, and read; fetting forth, that the Petitioner enlisted a Voluntier in Captain *Ruffell's* Company of Militia, on the fifteenth Day of *May*, 1764, and continued as a Soldier in the Service till the fifteenth Day of *December* following, when he was difcharged; and that, by fome Miftake, he had been allowed Pay for One Hundred and Fifty-One Days only, inftead of Two Hundred and Fifteen; and therefore praying an Allowance of Pay for the remaining Sixty-four Days of his Service.

*Ordered*, That the faid Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the fame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houfe.

A *Petition* of *Harmon Miller* was prefented to the Houfe, and read; fetting forth, that a Ferry from the Petitioner's Land, on the South Side of *Dan River*, to the Land of *James Le Grand*, on the other Side, would be very convenient to Travellers and others; and therefore praying that a Ferry may be eftablifhed at that Place.

*Ordered*, That the faid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propofitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the fame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houfe.

A *Petition* of feveral Perfons, of the County of *Buckingham*, was prefented to the Houfe, and read; fetting forth, that a Ferry over *Slate River* would be very convenient; and therefore praying that a Ferry may be eftablifhed over the faid River, from the Land of *John Nicholas*, Gentleman, on the North Side, to his Land on the other Side, and the Place where the main County Road croffes the faid River.

*Ordered*, That the faid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propofitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the fame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houfe. 65

A *Petition* of *Joseph Ligon*, of the County of *Halifax*, was prefented to the Houfe, and read; fetting forth, that the Petitioner is Proprietor of a Tract of Land in the faid County, on the North Side of *Dan River*; and that a Ferry from thence to the Land of *Alexander Roberts*, on the South Side of the faid River, will be useful to the Public; and therefore praying that an Act may pafs to appoint a Ferry at that Place.

*Ordered*, That the faid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propofitions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the fame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houfe.

*Ordered*, That it be an Inftruction to the Committee of Propofitions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, purfuant to the fourth Refolution of the faid Committee, which was agreed to by the Houfe upon Monday laft, that they confider of the Rates of Ferriage at all the public Ferries in this Colony, and make Provision in the faid Bill for reducing fuch of the faid Rates as fhall appear exceffive.

A *Bill* to impower the Church-Wardens and Veftry of the Parifh of *Hungars*, in the County of *Northampton*, to leafe certain Lands therein mentioned, was read a fecond Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to the Members who ferve for the Counties of *Northampton* and *Southampton*.

*Resolved*, That an humble Addrefs be prefented to his Excellency the Governor, to ufe his kind Offices with his Majefty, to iffue his Royal Proclamation for permitting Copper Money to be brought in, and pafs in this Colony.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Harrifon*, Mr *Eyre*, and Mr *Bland*, do wait on his Excellency, with the faid Refolution.

Sundry





Sundry *Petitions* of several Persons, of the County of *Cumberland*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, were presented to the House, and read; setting forth the Inconveniences the Petitioners are subject to by Means of the great Distances they are obliged to travel to their County Court, General Musters, and other public Meetings; and therefore praying, that the said County may be divided by a Line from *Micajah Mosby's* Ferry, on *James River*, to the Mouth of *Swan's Creek*, that empties into *Appomattox River*: *And also*

Sundry *Petitions* of several Freeholders of the County of *Cumberland*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, were presented to the House, and read; taking Notice of the Application intended to be made to the House, for a Division of the said County; and praying that the said County may not be divided.

*Ordered*, That the said several *Petitions* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A Bill to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act<sup>1</sup> for establishing Pilots, and regulating their Fees*, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Trade.

68 A Bill for further continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act<sup>2</sup> for reducing the several Acts of Assembly, for making Provision against Invasions and Insurrections, into one Act*, was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, that the Bill be ingrossed.

A Bill for continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act<sup>3</sup> for appointing a Treasurer*, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Bland* and Mr *Harrison*.

A Bill to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act<sup>4</sup> to continue and amend an Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers*, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Trade.

A Bill to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act<sup>5</sup> to oblige the Persons bringing Slaves into this Colony, from Maryland, Carolina, and the West-Indies, for their own Use, to pay a Duty*, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Trade.

A Bill for exempting free Negro, Mulatto, and Indian Women from the Payment of Levies, was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be ingrossed.

A Bill for paying Officers Fees due from the Inhabitants of other Counties, for Services done in the County of *Loudoun*, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

*And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.*

## Tuesday, the 21st of November. 10 Geo. III. 1769.

MR *Speaker* acquainted the House, that the Governor had delivered to him a Letter from the Earl of *Hillsborough* to the Honourable Mr *President Blair*, during his Administration, as Commander in Chief of this Colony; and also a Letter from Governor *Carleton*, to his Excellency, upon the Subject of *Indian Affairs*; and desired him to lay them before the House: And he delivered the Letters in at the Clerk's Table.

*Ordered*, That the said Letters do lie upon the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

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<sup>1</sup> Hening, VII, p. 580.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 211.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 190.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, VII, p. 338.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VII, p. 106.



The *Order* of the Day being read, for the House to take into Consideration the State of the Debt due from *John Robinson*, Esquire, deceased, late Treasurer of this Colony, to the Public;

*Resolved*, That this House will, upon *Thursday* next, take into Consideration the State of the Debt due from *John Robinson*, Esquire, deceased, late Treasurer of this Colony, to the Public.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

*Ordered*, That the Call of the House be adjourned till *Thursday* next.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Field* be added to the Committee of Public Claims.

A *Bill* for establishing Quarterly Courts, instead of Monthly Courts, in certain Counties, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the *Bill* be committed to the Committee for Courts of Justice. 67

A *Bill* for adding Part of the Parish of *Southfarnham* to the Parish of *St. Anne*, was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the *Bill* be ingrossed.

A *Bill* for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled, *An Act for increasing the Rewards for killing Wolves, within certain Counties, to be paid by the respective Counties, wherein the Services shall be performed*, was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the *Bill* be ingrossed.

A *Bill* for further continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the *Bill* be committed to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

A *Bill* to confirm to *George Marshall* the Fee Simple Estate in certain Lands purchased by him of the Veftry of *Hanover*, in the County of *King George*, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the *Bill* be committed to Mr *Charles Carter* of *King George*, Mr *Robinson* and Mr *Edmund Pendleton*.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom the *Bill* for dividing the County of *Augusta* was committed, that they have Power to receive a Clause or Clauses for adding all of the Islands in the *Fluvanna* River, from the Confluence of *Rockfish* River to the *Blue Ridge*, to the County of *Amherst*.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Mayo* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House for a Week.

A *Bill* for adding twenty Acres of Land, whereof *Patrick Ramsay* is seized, to the Town of *Blandford*, was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the *Bill* be ingrossed.

A *Bill* for giving a Salary to the Speaker of the House of Burgeffes, was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the *Bill* be ingrossed.

A *Bill* to vest certain intailed Lands, therein mentioned, in *Charles Carter*, and for settling other Lands to the same Uses, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the *Bill* be committed to all the Members who serve for the Counties of *Westmoreland*, *Caroline*, *Richmond*, *Prince William*, *Fauquier*, *Fairfax*, *Loudoun*, and *Hanover*.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Consideration several Petitions, to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that so much of the Petition of divers Innholders, as prays that they may be allowed to give general Credit, and to sue for and recover their Ordinary Debts, be rejected.

*Resolved*





*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that so much of the said Petition, as prays that Merchants, or Persons keeping Store for the Sale of Merchandize, may be prohibited by Law from selling small Quantities of spirituous Liquors; is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that so much of the Petition of John Lewis and William Brown, Inspectors at Blandford Warehouses, in the County of Prince George, as prays that a more effectual Security may be provided against stealing of Tobacco out of Warehouses, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that so much of the said Petition as prays that their Salaries may be increased, is reasonable; and that they ought to be allowed the additional Sum of Ten Pounds each, annually.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that so much of the Petition of William Rind, Alexander Purdie, and John Dixon, as prays to be reimbursed the Sum of Two Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds and Six-Pence, Sterling, the Cost of a large Quantity of damaged Leather, imported for binding the Acts of Assembly of this Colony, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that so much of the said Petition as prays that a further Satisfaction may be made to them, over and above their Agreement with the Committee, for printing and binding the said Acts of Assembly, is reasonable; and that they ought to be allowed the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds.

The *first* Resolution being read a second Time, was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The *second* Resolution being read a second Time, and the Question being put, that the House do agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;

It passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That so much of the Petition of divers Innholders as prays that Merchants, or Persons keeping Store for Sale of Merchandize, may be prohibited by Law from selling small Quantities of spirituous Liquors, be rejected.

The *third* and *fourth* Resolutions being read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The *fifth* Resolution being read a second Time, and the Question being put, that the House do agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;

It passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That so much of the Petition of William Rind, Alexander Purdie, and John Dixon, as prays to be reimbursed the Sum of Two Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds and Six-Pence, Sterling, the Cost of a large Quantity of damaged Leather, imported for binding the Acts of Assembly of this Colony, be rejected.

The subsequent *Resolution* being read a second Time, was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, who are appointed to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*, that they have Power to receive a Clause or Clauses pursuant to the *third* and *fourth* of the said Resolutions, which have been agreed to by the House.

*Resolved*, That the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds be paid to William Rind, Alexander Purdie, and John Dixon, as a further Consideration for printing and binding the Acts of General Assembly.

*Ordered*, That Mr Bland do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday





Wednesday. the 22nd of November. 10 Geo. III. 1769.

**M**<sup>R</sup> *Eyre* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *Thomas Fisher*, jun. is seized, and for settling certain Slaves of greater Value, to the same Uses, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found them to be true; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the said Amendments were once read throughout, and then a second Time, one by one; and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, were agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

*M<sup>r</sup> Charles Carter*, of *King George*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to confirm to *George Marshall* the Fee Simple Estate in certain Lands purchased by him of the Veftry of *Hanover*, in the County of *King George*, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found them to be true; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the said Amendments were once read throughout, and then a second Time, one by one; and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, were agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to the Governor, that he will be pleased to give Directions to the proper Officer to lay before this House Copies of the Records and Proceedings in the Suits now depending against the Securities of the late Treasurer.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to his Excellency by *M<sup>r</sup> Henry* and *M<sup>r</sup> Eyre*.

*M<sup>r</sup> Bland* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Bill for continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act for appointing a Treasurer*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the said Amendment was twice read; and, upon the Question put thereupon, was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingrossed.

*M<sup>r</sup> Starke* reported, from the Committee, to whom the Bill to repeal the several Acts of Assembly, prohibiting the tending of Tobacco-Seconds, Slips, or Suckers, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the said Amendments were once read throughout, and then a second Time, one by one; and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, were agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

*M<sup>r</sup> Bland* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to repeal an Act of the General Assembly, exempting the Inhabitants of *Mecklenburg* County from the Payment of Ferriage, on certain Days: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

*M<sup>r</sup> Harrison* reported to the House, that their Address of Monday last (that his Excellency the Governor would use his kind Offices with his Majesty to issue his Royal Proclamation for permitting Copper Money to be brought in, and pass in this Colony) had





had been presented to his Excellency; and that he had directed him to acquaint the House, that he would write to *England* by the first Opportunity, and use all his Interest to obtain what the House desired.

A *Petition* of *Philip Johnson*, Gentleman, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that under the Last Will and Testament of *Thomas Bray*, Gentleman, deceased, and a decree of the General Court, and several Conveyances executed pursuant thereto, the Petitioner is seized, for the Term of his natural Life, of and in a Dwelling-House, and Three Hundred and Twelve Acres of Land, adjoining the City of *Williamfburg*, of a Moiety of four Lots or half Acres of Land, lying in the said City, and of a Tract of Land called *Tutty's Neck*, lying in the County of *James City*, and containing Six Hundred Acres, together with several Slaves; of which Lands and Slaves, charged with the Payment of Five Hundred Pounds to the Petitioner's Daughter *Elizabeth*, he hath Power to dispose to and among his younger Children by his late Wife *Elizabeth*, the Daughter of the said *Thomas Bray*; and that having six of such younger Children, some of whom will soon have Occasion of some Provision, if the Petitioner should be obliged to make a Partition of the said Lands and Lots among them, the Whole would be rendered by such minute Divisions of much less Value than it now is, and it would be for their Interest, as well as his, that the said Lands and Lots should be sold, and the Money placed in the Hands of Trustees, who may, in the first Place, pay the said Five Hundred Pounds to the Daughter *Elizabeth*, when payable, and the Interest of the Surplus to the Petitioner's Trustees, during his Life, and the Principal, at his Death, to his younger Children, as he  
 71 shall appoint, pursuant to his Power aforesaid; and therefore praying that an Act may pass for that Purpose, under such Regulations as to the House shall seem proper.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition; and that Mr *Edmund Pendleton* and Mr *Treasurer* do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to empower the Executors of the Will of *Charles Carter*, Esq; to sell Part of his Lands, for the Payment of his Debts and Legacies: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr *Treasurer* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to empower the Vestry of *Saint Mark's* Parish, in the County of *Culpeper*, to sell the Glebe of the said Parish, and lay out the Money in purchasing a more convenient Glebe: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr *Treasurer* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to empower the Vestry of *Meherrin* Parish, in the County of *Brunswick*, to sell the Glebe of the said Parish, and lay out the Money in purchasing a more convenient Glebe: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr *Treasurer* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to divide the Parish of *Hamilton*, in the Counties of *Fauquier* and *Prince William*; And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Consideration several Petitions to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table: Where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Cumberland*, praying that the said County may be divided by a Line to be run from *Mosby's Ferry*, on *James River*, to the Mouth of *Swan's Creek*, on *Appomattox River*, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the said County of *Cumberland*, in Opposition thereto, is reasonable.

*Resolved*





*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitions of divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *Bedford* and *Augusta*, praying that an Inspection of Tobacco may be appointed at the Town of *New-London*, in the said County of *Bedford*, be rejected.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* presented to the House a Paper, intituled, '*The Representation of Mr Robinson's Administrators.*'

And the said Paper was read.

The said Paper is as followeth, viz.

To the Honourable the Speaker, and House of Burgessees. *The Representation of* 72  
*Edmund Pendleton, and Peter Lyons, Surviving Administrators of John Robinson, Esq; deceased; with his Will annexed: Humbly sheweth,*

*That your Memorialists, with the Honourable Peter Randolph, Esq; since deceased, having, on the death of the said John Robinson, late Treasurer of this Colony, in the Year 1766, taken upon them the Administration of his Estate; and discovering, that large Sums of Money, collected by him, for Taxes appropriated for the Redemption of the Treasury Notes, had been, by the Persuasion and earnest Solicitations of Persons in great Distress, re-emitted, and lent out to them, for their immediate Relief, they set themselves, with the Assistance of the present Treasurer, about forming a full Account of such Money, that Justice might be done to the Public, in fixing the Sum to be accounted for: Which being done, and examined by the House of Burgessees, in their Session in November 1766, the Balance due from the late Treasurer's Estate, was found to be 100, 761 l. 7 s. 5 d. some Additions to which have since been discovered, and added to the Account by the present Treasurer and your Memorialists.*

*That, as the Balance so due, was in the Hands of others, your Memorialists consulted the Principal Debtors, who assured them, that if Three Years Time was allowed, they could, in that Period, fully pay in their Debts, so as to discharge the large Sum due to the Country: In Confidence of which, a Memorial was presented to the then House of Burgessees, by the Administrators, setting forth the State and Circumstances of this unlucky Affair, and expressing their Hopes that they should be able to collect, and pay into the Treasury, annually, in each of the Three succeeding Years, a Third part of the Balance, so as to effect the Redemption of the Treasury Notes by October last, the Time appointed for their final Redemption. On Consideration whereof, the House was pleased to determine that the late Treasurer's Estate should pay Interest on the Balance found due from the Time of his Death; and to direct, that upon the Administrators confessing a Judgment for the said Balance and Interest, Execution thereupon should be stayed, as to so much as was to effect the Redemption of the Treasury Notes, until October last.*

*That in this extensive and laborious Administration, your Memorialists found great Difficulties; for they discovered, that in the Loan of the Money, their Testator, so far from taking Security, had, in few Instances, preserved a Writing to ascertain the Loan, and, in many, not even carried the Money to Account with the Borrower, expecting, as your Memorialists believe, to be soon repaid; so that rigorous Steps pursued with the Debtors, might have provoked them to make Use of all legal Objections, in which Case many of the Debts might probably have been lost for Want of due Proof: They therefore, having employed a Gentleman of approved Diligence and Fidelity, to assist them, endeavoured to form just and 73  
regular Accounts against the Debtors, from the several Books, Papers, and Memorandums, which came to their Hands, and to get such Accounts liquidated and acknowledged as fast as they could, to avoid Disputes, in which they found the Debtors generally disposed to do Justice; so that, from settled Accounts, a larger Sum appeared to be due to the Testator than was mentioned in the former Memorial.*

*That, on the Subject of Payment, the Debtors claimed the same Indulgence as had been extended to the Testator's Estate by the House; and, though your Memorialists conceived that the intention of the House in that Indulgence, was to avoid the Necessity of hasty and precipitate*





precipitate Sales of the Estates of the Testator and his Debtors, more likely to defeat than effect the Payment, yet they would have chosen to retain the Power of compelling the annual Payment of such Proportions of the Debts, as would answer their Intention of paying One Third yearly to the Country; but, from the Delays in most of the Courts of Justice, they were apprehensive the whole Time might elapse before their Suits could be brought to Determination; besides, the great Expence that would necessarily attend such a Number of Suits, would increase Debts, already too large to be easily collected. Under these Circumstances, your Memorialists thought it best to accept of the Proposals of most of the Debtors, to confess Judgments, staying Execution until October last, and their Promises to pay due Proportions in the mean Time.

That your Memorialists have constantly kept the Gentleman before named, employed on high Wages, and have exerted every Effort of Persuasion, with Threats, in order to obtain the Payment, and are concerned to say, they have only been able to collect and pay into the Treasury, the Sum of 5,399 l. 2 s. 3 d. for the Principal and Interest due on Account of the Public Fund, and the Sum of 15, 286 l. 7 s. 2 d. on Account of the Money appropriated for the Redemption of Paper Bills, although to assist such Payment, they have sold all the Household Furniture, about One Hundred and Fifty Slaves, and some of their Testator's Lands. That the outstanding Debts, yet due to their Testator, mostly secured by Judgments and Trust-Deeds, empowering Sales, and which, in the Opinion of the Memorialists, are separate, amount to 95,313 l. 1 s. 5 d. on Bonds, for Sales made by them, or others for them, to 6,071, 1. 10 s. That the Debts which are doubtful and disputed, amount to 19,250 l. 18 s. 4 d. and the Lands, Slaves, and Stocks of the Testator's, in their Hands, are as follows, viz.

| IN KING and QUEEN   | HANOVER             | SPOTSYLVANIA                |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 6300 Acres of Land. | 3866 Acres of Land. | 4700 Acres of Land.         |
| 125 Slaves.         | 56 Slaves.          | 26 Slaves.                  |
| 320 Head of Cattle. | 140 Head of Cattle. | 50 Head of Cattle.          |
| 270 Hogs.           | 180 Hogs.           | 90 Hogs.                    |
| 67 Sheep.           | 54 Sheep.           | 30 Sheep.                   |
| 14 Horses.          | 7 Horses.           | 6 Horses.                   |
| CAROLINE            | KING WILLIAM        | JAMES CITY                  |
| 1500 Acres of Land. | 640 Acres of Land.  | 400 Acres of Land.          |
| 24 Slaves.          | 22 Slaves.          | About 30 Slaves.            |
| 40 Head of Cattle.  | 54 Head of Cattle.  | Household furniture lent    |
| 75 Hogs.            | 70 Hogs.            | Mrs. Chifwell, by the Will. |
| 18 Sheep.           | 2 Horses.           |                             |
| 6 Horses.           |                     |                             |

Besides the Ordinary, called Doncastle's, Meriwether's Warehouses, and Lands adjoining, a Share in the Grant of the Difmal Swamp, a Share of the Lands belonging to the Lead-Mine Company, and some Lots and Houses in Williamsburg.

That your Memorialists have come to a Resolution to sell immediately, the greater Part of their Testator's Estate, and to proceed to levy their Executions, and enforce Payments as fast as possible; but, as the Time of staying the Execution for the Debt due to the Country, is now expired; and, that Execution must be issued, without the Interposition of this House,

Your Memorialists beg Leave to represent, that such Execution, besides the enormous Fees that will accrue to the Sheriffs, must, in its Nature, occasion Sales very disadvantageous and injurious to the Securities, to the private Creditors, whose Debts are postponed to that of the Country, and to the innocent Family of the Testator.

Your Memorialists have thus laid their whole Conduct and a State of Things before the House, and humbly submit to their Wisdom and Justice, to determine what is most fit to be done therein; hoping they shall not incur the Censure of having abused or trifled with the former Indulgence, since they have done the best in their Power to accomplish the End proposed; and can, with Truth, say, there is nothing temporal, they so earnestly desire, as to  
finish



*finish this arduous Administration, in the most speedy Manner a due Regard to Justice, and the Interest of all concerned, will admit of.*

*Ordered*, That the said Paper do lie upon the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

A Claim of Major John Robinson, for 12 l. 9 s. 10 d. which he had paid to a Physician for Visits made, and Medicine administered to, and Attendance on a Negro Man Slave of the Claimant, during his Imprisonment in the Gaol of Gloucester County, to which he was committed, charged with Felony, was presented to the House, and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A Petition of several Persons, of the County of Buckingham, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that an additional Bounty on Hemp would encourage the making greater Quantities of that Commodity, which would be beneficial to the Inhabitants of this Colony, and advantageous to the Commerce of Great-Britain; and therefore praying that an Act may pass for the Purpose.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A Petition of John Beasley, of the County of Buckingham, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth that a Runaway Negro Woman Slave of the Petitioner, having been outlawed, was disabled by a Tree which fell upon her as she lay hid, and was afterwards burned to death; and praying the House to make him such Allowance for the said Negro as shall seem just and reasonable.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

Upon a Motion made.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent Masters of Vessels, and others, from selling spirituous Liquors, except to their own Crews, in small Quantities; and that Mr Archibald Cary and Mr Richard Henry Lee do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr Treasurer presented to the House, pursuant to their Order,

An Account of Arrears due from the several Collectors of the Land and Poll-Tax, and the Tax on Wheel-Carriages, taken from their several Accounts, as stated at the Public Treasury, and where no Accounts have been made up in each Year, extracted from Accounts of former Years, which are noted thus O: And also

A List of Judgments obtained against the several Sheriffs.

And the Titles of the said Accounts were read.

*Ordered*, That the said Accounts be referred to the Committee who are appointed to examine the Treasurer's Accounts.

A Bill to regulate the Practice of suing out and prosecuting Writs of Replevin, in Cases of Distress for Rents, in this Colony, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

An ingrossed Bill for destroying Crows and Squirrels, in the County of Accomack, was read the third Time.

The Amendment following was proposed to be made to the Bill, viz. Line 25, To leave out, 'and from thence to the End of the next Session of Assembly, and no longer.'

And the said Amendment was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House; and the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for destroying Crows and Squirrels in certain Counties therein mentioned.

*Ordered*, That Mr Bland do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

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An ingrossed *Bill* for giving a Salary to the Speaker of the House of Burgeffes, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, *An Act for giving a Salary to the Speaker of the House of Burgeffes*.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Consideration several Petitions, to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Edward Westmore* to be allowed an Addition to his Salary, as Public Gaoler, is reasonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of 15 *l.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *William Christian* to be reimbursed the Bounty paid to the Soldier therein mentioned, is reasonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of 2 *l.* for the same.

70 *Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Benjamin Grub* to be allowed for the Damages he sustained by the *Virginia Troops*, in the Year 1755, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *William Poindexter* and *John Apperson*, Inspectors of Tobacco at *Littlepage's* Warehouses, in *New-Kent County*, to be reimbursed for the Tobacco therein mentioned, is reasonable; and that they ought to be allowed the Sum of 43 *l.* 9 *s.* 7 *d.* for the same.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Resolved*, That an additional Salary of Fifteen Pounds *per Annum*, be paid to *Edward Westmore*, Keeper of the Public Gaol, to continue till the End of the next Session of Assembly.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

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## Thursday. the 23rd of November. 10 Geo. III. 1769.

A Petition of *James Scott*, Clerk, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that Passengers from *Kennedy's*, in *Maryland*, over *Potowmack* River, are frequently put on Shore at *Dipple*, the Petitioner's Land, in the County of *Stafford*; and therefore praying that the Petitioner may be permitted to keep a Ferry from his Landing at *Dipple*, to *Kennedy's* aforesaid.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee who were appointed to examine into the State of the Funds arising from the several Duties and Taxes imposed for the Redemption of the Treasury Notes, as also to state an Account of the Debt due from the Estate of the late Treasurer, with the several Payments made by his Administrators since the last Settlement in General Assembly, that the Committee had accordingly examined the Matters to them referred, and had directed him to report the same, as they appeared to them, to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your Committee, that on the 6<sup>th</sup> of *April*, 1768, the Day to which the State of the Public Funds was brought down, there remained of the Treasury Notes, in  
Circulation





Circulation, the Sum of 170,419 *l.* 16 *s.* 1 *d.* of which there was burnt and destroyed by the Committee, the same Day, the Sum of 638 *l.* 14 *s.* That there has been since burnt and destroyed by the Committee, appointed by Act of the General Assembly, the farther Sum of 29,263 *l.* 16 *s.* 7 *d.* and that there appears to be in the Treasurers's Hands at this Time, the Sum of 12,802 *l.* 18 *s.* 8 *d.* received for Taxes, appropriated to the Redemption of Treasury Notes; so that there now remains in Circulation, the Sum of 127,714 *l.* 6 *s.* 10 *d.*

It likewise appears to your Committee, that there is still due from the Estate of the late Treasurer, the principal Sum of 99,395 *l.* 17 *s.* 6 *d.* from the different Sheriffs, the Sum of 34,151 *l.* 6 *s.* 5 *d.* and from the Inspectors and the County Court Clerks, about the Sum of 2000 *l.* though your Committee cannot be exact as to the Arrears, as some of the Collectors have not yet made a final Settlement of their Accounts.

Your Committee find, that at the laſt Settlement made in General Aſſembly, there was due from the Eſtate of the late Treafurer, the Sum of 9,939 *l.* 11 *s.* 8 *d.* for Intereſt to the 10<sup>th</sup> of May, 1768, that the farther Sum of Intereſt, to the 10<sup>th</sup> of this Inſtant, amounts to 7459 *l.* 13 *s.* 9 *d.* that there has been paid into the Public Treafury, by the Adminiſtrators of the late Treafurer, from the 7<sup>th</sup> of May, 1768, incluſive, the Sum of 15,286 *l.* 7 *s.* 2 *d.* ſo that the Balance ſtill due from the Eſtate, amounts to 101,508 *l.* 15 *s.* 9 *d.* of which 2,112 *l.* 18 *s.* 3 *d.* is Intereſt.

Upon the whole, it appears to your Committee, that the Funds appropriated for the Redemption of the Treafury Notes, when the arrears are paid, will exceed the Sum in Circulation 7,832 *l.* 17 *s.* 1 *d.* which your Committee are hopeful will be amply fufficient to make good any Loffes that may happen in the faid Arrears, and all Expences attending the Collection thereof; add to this the feveral Treafury Notes, which have been loft and deftroyed, which your Committee are of the Opinion will prove a confiderable Saving to the Country, though they cannot pretend to fix the Amount of the fame. Your Committee, therefore, humbly give it as their Opinion, that the Interelt arifing from the late Treafurer's Debt, fince the 10<sup>th</sup> of *May*, 1768, may very properly and fafely be applied to the Credit of the Public Account, efpecially as the Public Faith is engaged to make good every Deficiency that can poffibly arife. For the better Illuftration of this Report your Committee beg Leave to refer to the annexed Accounts.

Your Committee have also proceeded to examine the Treafurer's Accounts, but not having yet had Time to finifh them, beg Leave to refer the Houfe to their future Report.

Dr.....The Colony of *Virginia* for Redemption of Treafury Notes.....Cr  
1768.                      £    s    d    1768.                      £    s    d

April 6. To Balance of  
Notes in Circulation  
as per Settlement in  
General Assembly at  
this Time . . . . . 170,410.16. 1

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| <i>April 6.</i> | By Notes burnt |             |
|                 | this Day ..... | 638.14.00   |
| <i>July 27.</i> | By do do       | 8,419.10. 7 |
| <i>Dec. 29.</i> | By do do       | 9,953.15. 9 |

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| 1769.    |                                                                                                                          |               |
| June 28. | By do do                                                                                                                 | 10,890.10. 3  |
|          | By Cash received of the<br>different Collectors and<br>of Mr <i>Robinson's</i> Ad-<br>ministrators, to this<br>Day,..... | 12,802.18. 8  |
|          | By Balance still re-<br>maining in Circulation                                                                           | 127,714. 6.10 |

£170, 419.16. 1  
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|                                                                      | £          | s   | d  |                            | £          | s   | d  |
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| To Balance <i>per Contra</i> . . .                                   | 127, 714.  | 6.  | 10 | By the Principal Debts due |            |     |    |
| To Balance . . . . .                                                 | 7, 832.    | 17. | 1  | from the late Treasu-      |            |     |    |
|                                                                      |            |     |    | rer's Estate . . . . .     | 99, 395.   | 17. | 6  |
|                                                                      | £135, 547. | 3.  | 11 | By Balances due from the   |            |     |    |
|                                                                      |            |     |    | several Sheriffs . . . . . | 34, 151.   | 6.  | 5  |
|                                                                      |            |     |    | By Ditto due from the In-  |            |     |    |
|                                                                      |            |     |    | spectors and Clerks, as    |            |     |    |
|                                                                      |            |     |    | nearly as they can be      |            |     |    |
|                                                                      |            |     |    | adjusted, . . . . .        | 2, 000.    | 0.  | 0  |
|                                                                      |            |     |    |                            | £135, 547. | 3.  | 11 |
| 78 Dr. . . . . The Estate of <i>John Robinson, Esq;</i> . . . . . Cr |            |     |    |                            |            |     |    |
|                                                                      | £          | s   | d  | 1768.                      | £          | s   | d  |
| To Balance reported . . . .                                          | 99, 395.   | 17. | 6  | May 7. By Cash of the Ad-  |            |     |    |
| To Interest on Ditto to                                              |            |     |    | ministrators . . . .       | 123.       | 17. | 0  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> of May, 1768                                        | 9, 939.    | 11. | 8  | June 22. By do of do       | 541.       | 8.  | 0  |
|                                                                      |            |     |    | Oct. 22. By do of do       | 24.        | 6.  | 5  |
|                                                                      | £109, 335. | 9.  | 2  | Nov. 4. By do of do        | 1, 153.    | 0.  | 0  |
|                                                                      |            |     |    | 23. By do of do            | 731.       | 10. | 9  |
|                                                                      |            |     |    | 1769.                      |            |     |    |
|                                                                      |            |     |    | May 12. By do of do        | 3, 865.    | 16. | 8  |
|                                                                      |            |     |    | June 24. By do of do       | 2, 526.    | 2.  | 2  |
|                                                                      |            |     |    | Aug. 31. By do of do       | 40.        | 8.  | 6  |
|                                                                      |            |     |    | Oct. 14. By do of do       | 51.        | 1.  | 6  |
|                                                                      |            |     |    | 30. By do of do            | 29.        | 16. | 3  |
|                                                                      |            |     |    | 30. By do of do            | 604.       | 3.  | 3  |
|                                                                      |            |     |    | Nov. 2. By do of do        | 248.       | 1.  | 2  |
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|                                                                      |            |     |    |                            | 9, 939.    | 11. | 8  |
|                                                                      |            |     |    | Balance, . . . . .         | 99, 395.   | 17. | 6  |
|                                                                      |            |     |    |                            | £109, 335. | 9.  | 2  |
|                                                                      | £          | s   | d  |                            | £          | s   | d  |
| To Balance . . . . .                                                 | 99, 395.   | 17. | 6  | Nov. 2. By Cash of the Ad- |            |     |    |
| To 18 Months Interest to                                             |            |     |    | ministrators . . . .       | 520.       | 5.  | 6  |
| the 10 <sup>th</sup> of November,                                    |            |     |    | 4. By do of do             | 4, 522.    | 10. | 0  |
| 1769 . . . . .                                                       | 7, 459.    | 13. | 9  | 6. By do of do             | 304.       | 0.  | 0  |
|                                                                      |            |     |    | Balance . . . . .          | 101, 508.  | 15. | 9  |
|                                                                      |            |     |    |                            | £106, 855. | 11. | 3  |
|                                                                      | £106, 855. | 11. | 3  |                            |            |     |    |
| To Balance . . . . .                                                 | £101, 508. | 15. | 9  |                            |            |     |    |

*Ordered*, That the said Report do lie upon the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

Mr *Henry* reported to the House, that their Address of Yesterday (that his Excellency the Governor would be pleased to give Directions to the proper Officer to lay before this House Copies of the Records, and Proceedings in the Suits now depending against the Securities of the late Treasurer) had been presented to his Excellency; and that he had desired him to acquaint this House, that he will give Directions accordingly.

Mr *Bland* presented to the House, according to Order, a bill for better regulating the Collection of Public, County, and Parish Levies: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

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Mr *Bland* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for reimbursing the Inhabitants of *King William* and *Hanover* Counties the Expence of clearing *Pamunkey* River: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Several *Petitions* of sundry Persons, of the Parish of *Saint George*, in the County of *Spotsylvania*, were presented to the House, and read; setting forth the large Extent of the said Parish; and therefore praying that an Act may pass for dividing the said Parish, by a Line beginning at the Place where the Line of *Caroline* County crosses the River *Po*, and running up the said River to the Mouth of the Run called the *Robinson*, and continuing thence up the said River, whereon *John Mitchell's* Mill stands, until it intersects the Line of *Orange* County; and for subjecting the Tithables of the said Parish, as it now is, to the Expences of building a new Church, and repairing *Pamunkey* Chapel, in the said Parish: *And also*

Several *Petitions* of sundry Persons of the Parish of *St. George*, in the County of *Spotsylvania*, were presented to the House, and read; taking Notice of an Application intended to be made to the House for dividing the said Parish, and setting forth that a Division of the said Parish, at this Time, is unreasonable; and therefore praying that the said Parish may not be divided; or if it is divided, that it may be by a Line from *Rappahannock* River to *Pamunkey* River, and that the Division may not take Place in less than three Years.

*Ordered*, That the said several *Petitions* be referred to the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom the Bill for dividing the County of *Augusta* is committed, that they have Power to receive a Clause or Clauses for adding to the County of *Albemarle* the several Islands in the *Fluvanna* River adjacent to the said County of *Albemarle*.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Consideration sundry Militia Accounts, to them referred, and had come to a Resolution thereupon: And he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the same was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

On Consideration of sundry Militia Accounts assigned to Mr *Robert Rutherford*, for Pay for a Detachment of Militia, ordered out by Col. *Adam Stephen*, to suppress and take some Negroes who it was suspected had assembled and designed an Insurrection, it appears to your Committee, that Col. *Stephen*, upon Notice thereof, ordered out an Ensign, with thirteen armed Men of the Militia, who lived betwixt Thirty-six and Forty Miles from the Place where the said Negroes were said to have assembled, to take and carry them to a Magistrate, to be examined. In Consequence whereof, it appears, that the said Detachment of Militia did apprehend some of the said Slaves, and carried them before a Magistrate, who upon Examination, finding there was no Foundation for the Alarm, discharged them. It further appears, that the said Detachment were Seven Days on that Duty, when there might have been one ordered out of the Neighborhood, where the said Negroes were supposed to have met, that would have performed the Services required in One or Two Days, without being entitled to any Pay for the same.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said Accounts are just; and that the said *Robert Rutherford* ought to be allowed Two Shillings for the Ensign, and One Shilling for each Soldier, *per* Day, for the Time they were on Duty, amounting in the Whole to the Sum of 5 *l.* 5 *s.* for their Pay, as aforesaid.

The said *Resolution* being read a second Time, was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Mr *Dudley Digges* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to dock the Intail of Three Thousand Acres of Land, whereof *Armistead Lightfoot* is seized in Fee Tail, and vesting the same in Trustees for the Purposes therein mentioned: And the same was received.





And a *Motion* was made, and the Question being put, that the Bill be now read:  
It passed in the Negative.

*Ordered*, That the Bill do lie upon the Table.

60 Mr *Henry* presented to the House, pursuant to their Order, Copies of the Records and Proceedings in the Suits now depending against the Securities of the late Treasurer. And the said Records were read.

*Ordered*, That the said Records do lie upon the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the House to take into Consideration the State of the Debt due from *John Robinson*, Esq; deceased, late Treasurer of this Colony, to the Public;

*Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the State of the Debt due from *John Robinson*, Esq; deceased, late Treasurer of this Colony, to the Public.

*Ordered*, That the Report of the Committee who were appointed to examine into the State of the Funds arising from the several Duties and Taxes imposed for the Redemption of the Treasury Notes, and also to state an Account of the Debt due from the Estate of the late Treasurer, with the several Payments made by his Administrators since the last Settlement in General Assembly, which was ordered to lie upon the Table, be referred to the said Committee.

*Ordered*, That the Copies of the Records and Proceedings in the Suits now depending against the Securities of the late Treasurer, which were ordered to lie upon the Table, be referred to the said Committee.

*Ordered*, That the Paper intitled, "*The Representation of M<sup>r</sup> Robinson's Administrators*," which was ordered to lie upon the Table, be referred to the said Committee.

Then the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee, that they had gone through the Matters referred to them, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the most effectual Methods ought to be taken to recover the Debts due to the Public, as well those from the late Treasurer, as from the several Sheriffs, and others, who are in Arrears.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that unless the Administrators of the late Treasurer shall, within four Months, sell and dispose of their Testator's Estate, except his Widow's Dower in the Lands, for a Year's Credit, in order to discharge the Debt due from him to the Public, then, after that Time, the Treasurer do take out Executions on the Judgments against the said Administrators, and proceed to sell the said Estate.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

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## Friday, the 24th of November, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

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A Petition of *John Bailey*, Guardian of *Jeremiah Garland Bailey*, an Infant, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that an Inspection being established on the Land of the said *Jeremiah Garland Bailey*, in 1762, the Petitioner employed one *Daniel Bennett* to build the Warehouses; that the Undertaker not having completed the Houses in Time to receive Tobacco that Year, the Petitioner delivered up the said Warehouses to *Westmoreland* County Court, who appointed  
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three Magistrates to value the said Houses, and an Acre of the Land they stood upon; that the said three Magistrates valued the Workmanship and Materials to Seventy Pounds, and the Land to Three Pounds, out of which Valuation they allowed to the Proprietor Five Pounds for Timber; and that the said *Bennett* refusing to accept the Sixty-five Pounds, commenced Suit in the General Court against the Petitioner, and recovered 85 l. 15 s. 9 d. and 3968 Pounds of Tobacco, besides 59 l. 15 s. 11 d. paid before the Trial of the Suit; and therefore praying the House to reimburse the Money the Petitioner had been obliged to pay more than he received.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

Another Member having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated and subscribed the Test, took his Place in the House.

A *Petition* of several Persons of the County of *New Kent*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Profits of their Orchards are considerably diminished by the Restrictions of the Act for regulating Ordinaries, and Restraint of Tippling Houses; and therefore praying that an Act may pass allowing them to sell Cyder and Brandy, the Produce of their own Orchards, by Retail, so as the Liquor be not drunk at the House or Plantation where it is made.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr *Eyre* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to empower the Church-Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of *Hungars*, in the County of *Northampton*, to lease certain Lands therein mentioned, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table, where the Amendment was twice read; and, upon the Question put thereupon, was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingrossed.

A *Petition* of *Christopher Lawson* and *Daniel Lawson*, Inspectors at the Upper and Lower Warehouses on *Totafkey Creek*, in the County of *Richmond*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that several Parcels of Tobacco were stolen from under Prize, at the said Warehouses, which the Petitioners were obliged to make good to the Proprietors; and therefore praying to be relieved.

And a *Motion* was made, and the Question being put, that the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee;

It passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That the said Petition be rejected.

Mr *Harrison* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act for establishing Pilots, and regulating their Fees*, was committed, that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the House, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be ingrossed.

Mr *Harrison* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for clearing a Road from *Payne's Run*, in the County of *Augusta*, to *Thurman's*, in the County of *Albemarle*; And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

A *Petition* of *Francis Gaines* and *Thomas Dudley*, Inspectors at *Shepherd's* and *Turner's* Warehouses, in the County of *King & Queen*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that in the Nights of the 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Days of *June* last, the Windows of the Warehouse at *Turner's* were broke, and 1200 lbs. of Tobacco stolen out of the said House; and therefore praying to be relieved by the General Assembly.

*Ordered*





*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Trade, to whom a Bill to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act to continue and amend an Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves to be paid by the Buyers*; and also a Bill to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act to oblige Persons bringing Slaves into this Colony from Maryland, Carolina, and the West-Indies, for their own use, to pay a Duty*, were committed, that they do alter and make both the said bills into one.

Upon a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to lay an additional Duty on Slaves: And that the Committee of Trade do prepare and bring in the same.

An ingrossed *Bill* to repeal the several Acts of Assembly prohibiting the tending of Tobacco Seconds, Slips, or Suckers, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act to relieve the People from the Expence attending the Execution of the Laws prohibiting the tending of Tobacco Seconds*.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Starke* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

83 A *Bill* to dock the Intail of Three Thousand Acres of Land, whereof *Armistead Lightfoot* is seized in Fee Tail, and vesting the same in Trustees for the Purposes therein mentioned, which was Yesterday received, and ordered to lie upon the Table, was read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

A *Petition* of *David Garland* was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioner is seized, as Tenant in Fee Tail, of two Tracts of Land, containing together 2046 Acres, in the County of *Lunenburg*; together with several Slaves thereunto annexed; but that the said Slaves are not sufficient to cultivate the said Lands; and therefore praying that 378 Acres, Part of the said Lands, may be vested in the Petitioner in Fee Simple, and the Value thereof laid out in purchasing of Slaves, to be annexed to the Residue of the said Lands, for the immediate Advantage of the Heir apparent.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition; and that Mr *Carrington* and Mr *Munford* do prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That this House be called over upon *Tuesday* next.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Gray* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House till *Wednesday* next.

Mr *Archibald Cary* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act for establishing a Town near Warwick in the County of Henrico*; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Upon a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for laying a Tax upon Dogs; and that Mr *Nelson* and Mr *Washington* do prepare, and bring in the same.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Consideration several Petitions, to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *John Beasley* to be allowed for the Slave therein mentioned, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Alexander Waugh, Jun.* to be reimbursed the Bounty for the Recruit therein mentioned, is reasonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of Ten Pounds for the same.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 190.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 191.

<sup>3</sup> Not recorded as a law.

<sup>4</sup> Not in Hening. See Acts of Assembly, ed. 1752, p. 411. Title only.





*Ordered*, That Mr *Archibald Cary* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House for a Fortnight.

*Ordered*, That Mr *John Wilson*, of *Norfolk*, have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House till *Thursday* next.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Trent* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House for a Fortnight.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Ackiss* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House till *Monday* Fortnight.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Read* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House till *Tuesday* Fortnight. 81

An ingrossed *Bill* for preventing and suppressing private Lotteries, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the *Bill* do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act for preventing and suppressing private Lotteries*.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Eyre* do carry the *Bill* to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Consideration a Petition of several Persons of the County of *Spotsylvania*, to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that so much of the said Petition as prays that Courts Martial for the said County may be held at a convenient Place near the Center of the County, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that so much of the said Petition as prays that the General Musters of the said County may be held at the Center of the said County, be rejected.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a *Bill*, pursuant to the *thirteenth* Resolution of the Committee for Courts of Justice, which was agreed to by the House upon *Saturday* last was *Sevennight*, that they make Provision in the said *Bill* for holding Courts Martial for the County of *Spotsylvania*, near the Center of the County.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had had under their Consideration the Petition of Mr *Thomas Harrison*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Thomas Marshall*, and Mr *James Scott*, to serve as Burgeesses in this present General Assembly for the County of *Fauquier*, and had directed him to report the Matter, as it appeared to them, together with the Resolutions of the Committee thereupon; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your Committee, that Mr *Marshall*, by Commission, dated the 20<sup>th</sup> of *October* 1767, was appointed Sheriff of the said County: That he qualified himself in that Office, and acted by his Deputies, except in particular Cases, which required him to act himself: That in the Month of *June* last, Mr *Marshall* declared his Intentions of standing a Candidate at the next Election for the said County, and continued such his Intention until the 23<sup>d</sup> of *August*, when he, as Sheriff, received the Writ of Election. appointed the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of *September* for holding the same, and caused due Publication thereof to be made. That on the 2<sup>d</sup> Day of *September*, Mr *William Eujace* having received a Commission from the Governor, to be Sheriff of the said County, was duly qualified in that Office, and held the Election on the Day appointed, when the Numbers on the Close of the Poll, stood thus:

For Mr *Marshall*, 329

Mr *Scott*, 273

Mr *Harrison*, 196

Whereupon



Whereupon, Mr *Eustace* returned the fitting Members, as duly elected for the said County.

It further appears to your Committee, that Mr *Marshall* having been informed, that Mr *Harrison* had declared, that although a Majority of the resident Freeholders should be against him, yet, as there were about Seventy Freeholders in the adjacent Counties, he would summon them, none of whom would vote for Mr *Marshall*; and having reason to believe, that the said 18<sup>th</sup> Day of *September* was fixed as the Day of Election for the County of *Stafford*, Mr *Marshall* did declare he thought himself justifiable in appointing the *Fauquier* Election to be on the same Day; and accordingly did so appoint it. That the Freeholders attended, or might have done so, from the adjacent Counties, except *Stafford*, in which County it appears there are about 20 Persons entitled to vote in *Fauquier*, many of whom, there is good Reason to believe, would have voted for Mr *Marshall*.

It does not appear to the Committee, that any undue Practices were used by Mr *Marshall*, in his Office as Sheriff, in order to influence Votes in the said Election.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that Mr *Marshall*, in appointing the Election for the said County, on the same Day of the *Stafford* Election, with a View to Prevent the Inhabitants of *Stafford* from voting at the *Fauquier* Election, acted improperly; but, as it appears that such his Conduct had no Effect upon the Election for *Fauquier*.

*Resolved*, therefore, That Mr *Marshall*, and Mr *Scott*, are duly elected to serve as Burgesses for the said County.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Osborne* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House till Tuesday Sevensnight.

A Claim of *Joseph Pollard*, for a Gun impressed from him, by the Commanding Officer of *Culpeper* County, for the Use of the Militia thereof, which had been appraised to Thirty-five Shillings, and which had never been returned to him, was presented to the House, and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Richard Randolph* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House, till the fifteenth Day of next Month.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Henry* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House, till the twelfth Day of next Month.

A Claim of *Adam Wayland*, for a Gun impressed from him, in the Year 1764, for the Use of the *Culpeper* Militia, which had been appraised to Thirty Shillings, and for which he had not received any Satisfaction, was presented to the House, and read.

86 *Ordered*, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

A Petition of *John Scott* was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioner was one of the Deputy-Sheriffs of the County of *King and Queen*, in the Year 1765, when the Country Levy of 46 lbs. of Tobacco, *per* Poll, was collected; and that, in Consequence of the said Affectment on the Tithables of the said County, the Petitioner had been obliged to pay to the late Treasurer, 2254 lbs. of nett Tobacco, for 49 Tithables belonging to Col. *Bernard Moore's* Forge, which the Petitioner conceived were exempted by Law; and therefore praying that he may be reimbursed the said 2254 lbs. of Tobacco.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Saturday





Saturday, the 25th of November, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

**M**R. Bland reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to regulate the Practice of suing out and prosecuting Writs of Replevin, in Cases of Distress for Rents in this Colony, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a second Time, one by one; and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, were agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

Mr Bland reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill for dividing the County of *Augusta*, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a second Time, one by one; and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, were agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

A *Petition* of several Merchants, trading to and from the Town of *Dumfries*, in the County of *Prince William*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; taking Notice of an Application intended to be made to this House, for appointing another Inspection of Tobacco in *Dumfries*, at the upper End of the Town; and setting forth that another Inspection there is unnecessary, and if it were necessary, that a Place on the Creek below the Town, is more proper for that Purpose than any at the upper End of the Town; and therefore praying that no other Inspection be appointed in the said Town, or that it may be at the Place pointed out by the Petition; and also,

A *Petition* of several Freeholders, Inhabitants of the Town of *Dumfries*, in the County of *Prince William*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, in Opposition to the Petition of the Merchants of the said Town, and others, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth that another Inspection, on *Quantico* Creek, on the Lots, Numbers 171 and 172, in the said Town, would be advantageous to the Petitioners, and to the Inhabitants of *Prince William*, and other Counties; and alledging that the Place proposed by the said Merchants for such Inspection to be very inconvenient; and therefore praying that another Inspection may be established on the said Lots.

*Ordered*, That the said several Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr Carrington presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *David Garland* is seized in Fee Tail, and for vesting the same in Trustees in Fee Simple; and for other Purposes therein mentioned: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That Mr Lewis Burwell, of *James City*, and Mr Blair, be added to the Committee who are appointed to examine the Treasurer's Accounts.

*Ordered*, That Mr Alexander be added to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

*Ordered*, That Mr Paramore be added to the Committees of Propositions and Grievances, and Public Claims.

Mr Bland presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for establishing a Town in the County of *Pittsylvania*; And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr Bland reported, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Consideration several Petitions, to them referred, and had

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come to several Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of *New Kent* County, praying that an Act may pass to empower them to sell Cider and Brandy, the Produce of their own Orchards, by Retail; so as the same are not drank at their Houses or Plantations, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of *Buckingham* County, praying an additional Bounty of Hemp, be rejected.

88 *Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Merchants and Traders of the Town of *Alexandria*, in the County of *Fairfax*, praying that some Method may be fallen upon, to prevent the running of Spirituous Liquors from *Maryland* and *Pennsylvania*, into the back Counties of this Colony, is reasonable.

The first Resolution of the Committee being read a second Time;

And the *Question* being put that the House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution:

It passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of divers Inhabitants of *New-Kent* County, praying that an Act may pass to empower them to sell Cyder and Brandy, the Produce of their own Orchards, by Retail, so as the same be not drank at their Houses or Plantations, is reasonable.

The subsequent *Resolutions* of the Committee being severally read the second Time, were, upon the *Question* severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in to empower the Inhabitants of *New-Kent* County, to sell Cyder and Brandy, the Produce of their own Orchards, by Retail, so as the same be not drank at their Houses or Plantations: And that the Committee of Propositions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in, pursuant to the last Resolution of the said Committee, and which hath been agreed to by the House; and that the Committee of Propositions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the same.

Upon a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to compel Ships, infected with the Gaol-Fever, or Small-Pox, to perform Quarentine; and that Mr *Bassett*, and Mr *Treasurer*, do prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Stith* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House till Monday Sevenight.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bridger* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House, till Saturday next.

A Claim of *Thomas M'Neill*, of *Hampshire* County, for his Pay as a Voluntier in the *Hampshire* Militia, in the Year 1764, omitted by Mistake to be allowed by the Commissioners, was presented to the House, and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

A Petition of *John Rootes*, of the County of *Gloucester*, and *Sarah*, his Wife, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioners are seized in Fee Tail, in Right of the Wife, of a Tract of Land, containing Five Hundred Acres, or thereabouts, in the Parish of *Ware*, in the County of *Gloucester*, and of Two other Tracts of Land, one containing Two Hundred Acres, and the other Four Hundred and Eighty-five Acres, lying near, or contiguous to each Other, and in the Parish of *Petworth*, in the said County of *Gloucester*; and have not a sufficient Number of Slaves to cultivate all of the said Lands; and therefore praying that an Act may pass for vesting the said Land in the  
89 Parish of *Ware*, in Trustees, and enabling them to sell the same, and lay out, the Money arising by such Sale in Slaves, to be annexed to the said Lands in *Petworth*, in Fee Tail.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition; and that Mr *Dixon* do prepare and bring in the same.

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Several *Claims* of William Westfall, Michael Bush, John Robinson, Henry Delloy, Samuel Pringle, Daniel Shochan, junior, David Corn, Edward Corn, junior, George Miller, John Bell, Garrett Reafner, John Ratan, Jacob Sinkes, and Abraham Blue, of the Hampshire Militia, for their Pay as Scouts employed on the Frontiers, this present Year, by Order of a Council of War, held in Pursuance of the Invasion-Act: And also,

Several *Claims* of William Foreman, Andrew Corn, Job Wilson, and Jacob Sinkes, for Provisions furnished the Scouts ordered out on the Frontiers, from the Hampshire Militia, this present Year;

Were severally presented to the House, and read.

*Ordered*, That the said Claims be severally referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

Upon a *Motion* made,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the more speedy and effectual Recovery of the Debt due to the Public, from the Estate of the late Treasurer; and that Mr Bland, and Mr Richard Henry Lee, do prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr Munford have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House, till the fifteenth Day of December next.

*Ordered*, That Mr Charles Carter, of Lancaster, have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House, for ten Days.

*Ordered*, That Mr Wallace have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House, for a Week.

An ingrossed *Bill*, for continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act for appointing a Treasurer*, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act for continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for appointing a Treasurer*.

*Ordered*, That Mr Richard Henry Lee do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

An ingrossed *Bill*, to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act for establishing Pilots, and regulating their Fees*, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act to continue an Act, intituled, An Act for establishing Pilots, and regulating their Fees*.

*Ordered*, That Mr Harrison do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

An ingrossed *Bill* to impower the Churchwardens and Vestry of the Parish of Hungars, in the County of Northampton, to lease certain Lands therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act to impower the Churchwardens and Vestry of the Parish of Hungars, in the County of Northampton, to lease certain Lands therein mentioned*.

*Ordered*, That Mr Bland do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

An ingrossed *Bill*, for further continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act for reducing the several Acts of Assembly, for making Provision against Invasion and Insurrections, into one Act*, was read the third Time. 90

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act for further continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for reducing the several Acts of Assembly, for making Provision against Invasions and Insurrections, into one Act*.

*Ordered*, That Mr Richard Henry Lee do carry the Bill to the Council and desire their Concurrence.

An ingrossed *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof Thomas Fisher, junior, is seized, and for settling certain Slaves of greater Value, to the same Uses, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof Thomas Fisher, Jun, is seized, and for settling certain Slaves, of greater Value to the same Uses*.

*Ordered*

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VII, p. 466.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VII, p. 580.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 414.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 334.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 395.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 353.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, VII, p. 106.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 440.





*Ordered*, That Mr *Eyre* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence. An ingrossed *Bill*, for exempting Free Negro, Mulatto, and Indian Women, from the Payment of Levies, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act* <sup>1</sup> *for exempting Free Negro, Mulatto, and Indian Women, from the Payment of Levies.*

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

An ingrossed *Bill*, to confirm to *George Marshall* the Fee-Simple Estate in certain Lands purchased by him of the Vestry of *Hanover Parish*, in the County of *King-George*, was read the third Time.

An ingrossed *Clause* was offered to be added to the Bill, by way of *Ryder*, for saving the Rights of Strangers.

And the said *Clause* was thrice read; and, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House to be made Part of the Bill, by way of *Ryder*.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act* <sup>2</sup> *to confirm to George Marshall the Fee-Simple Estate in certain Lands purchased by him of the Vestry of Hanover Parish, in the County of King-George.*

*Ordered*, That Mr *Charles Carter*, of *King-George*, do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

An ingrossed *Bill*, for further continuing, and amending the Act, intituled, *An Act* <sup>3</sup> *for increasing the Rewards for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the respective Counties wherein the Services shall be performed*, was read the third Time.

The Amendment following was proposed to be made to the Bill, viz.

Line 16, To leave out *six*, and insert *four* instead thereof.

And the said Amendment was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House; and the Bill was amended at the Table accordingly.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act* <sup>4</sup> *for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled, An Act for increasing the Rewards for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the respective Counties wherein the Services shall be performed.*

<sup>91</sup> *Ordered*, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Benjamin Grymes*, and Mr *Dixon*, be added to the Committee for Religion.

An ingrossed *Bill* for adding Part of the Parish of *Southfarnham*, to the Parish of *St. Anne*, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act* <sup>5</sup> *for adding Part of the Parish of Southfarnham to the Parish of Saint Anne.*

*Ordered*, That Mr *Treasurer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

An ingrossed *Bill* for adding twenty Acres of Land, whereof *Patrick Ramsay* is seized, to the Town of *Blandford*, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act* <sup>6</sup> *for adding twenty Acres of Land, whereof Patrick Ramsay is seized, to the Town of Blandford.*

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

A *Bill* to dock the Intail of Three Thousand Acres of Land, whereof *Armistead Lightfoot* is seized in Fee Tail, and vesting the same in Trustees for the Purposes therein mentioned, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to all the Members who serve for the Counties of *York*, *Brunswick*, *Suffex*, and *Surry*.

And then the House adjourned till Monday Morning next, Eleven of the Clock.

Monday

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 393.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 438.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 147.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 383.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 406.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 413.





Monday. the 27th of November. 10 Geo. III. 1769.

THE House being informed that *David Meade* had not yet a legal Title to the Land in the County of *Halifax*, proposed in the Petition, presented to this House upon *Thursday*, the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of this Instant *November*, to be settled in Lieu of the Tract of Land in the County of *Northampton*, whereof the said *David Meade* and *Sarah* his Wife, in her Right, are seized in Fee Tail;

Ordered, That the said *David Meade* and *Sarah* his Wife, be at Liberty to withdraw their said Petition.

Ordered, That the Order for bringing in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition, be discharged.

A Petition of *David Meade* and *Sarah* his Wife was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioners are seized, in Right of the Wife, as Tenant in Fee Tail, of and in a Tract of Land, in the County of *Northampton*, situate on *King's Creek* and the Bay of *Chesapeake*, and containing 600 Acres; and that it will be greatly for the Advantage of the Petitioners and their posterity to dock the Intail of the said Lands, and, in Lieu thereof, to settle other Lands, of equal or greater Value, in the County of *Nansemond*, whereof the said *David Meade* is seized in Fee Simple, to the same Uses; and therefore praying that an Act may pass for that Purpose.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition; and that *Mr Jefferson*, *Mr Eyre*, *Mr Starke*, and *Mr Munford*, do prepare and bring in the same.

*Mr Bland* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for further continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees*, was committed, that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the House, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingrossed.

*Mr Bland* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges, or Stops, on the Rivers therein mentioned, to make Openings or Slopes therein; for the Passage of Fish; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Ordered, That a Bill for establishing Quarterly Courts, instead of Monthly Courts, in certain Counties, which, upon *Tuesday* the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of this Instant *November*, was committed to the Committee for Courts of Justice, be transmitted to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon *Wednesday* next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill.

A Petition of several Persons, of the Parish of *Suffolk*, in the County of *Nansemond*, on the East Side of the River, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Vestry and Church-Wardens of the said Parish have mismanaged and misapplied certain charitable Donations to the said Parish; that the Act establishing a free Ferry over *Nansemond* River, hath not the good Effects intended by it; and that the Tithables in the said Parish are now so numerous, that the said Parish may conveniently be divided; and praying that the said Parish may be divided by *Nansemond* River, or else that the said Vestry may be dissolved; the said Act establishing the said free Ferry, so far as it relates to all the Parishioners, except the Minister may be repealed.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A Petition of several Persons, Traders in Pork, Beef, Tar, Pitch and Turpentine, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth



forth, that the Act of Assembly for the Inspection of those Commodities is not sufficient to answer the End thereby designed; and therefore praying that the said Act may be amended.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Trade; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

An ingrossed *Bill* to regulate the Practice of suing out and prosecuting Writs of Replevin, in Cases of Distress for Rents, in this Colony, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act to regulate the Practice of suing out and prosecuting Writs of Replevin, in Cases of Distress for Rent.*

*Ordered*, That Mr Richard Henry Lee do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

An ingrossed *Bill* for dividing the County of Augusta, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act for dividing the County and Parish of Augusta, and for adding certain Islands in the Fluvanna River to the Counties of Albemarle and Amherst.*

*Ordered*, That Mr Bland do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

A *Bill* to empower the Executors of the Will of Charles Carter, Esq; to sell Part of his Lands for the Payment of his Debts and Legacies, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to Mr Edmund Pendleton, Mr Nelson, and all the Members who serve for the Counties of Fauquier and Prince William.

A *Bill* to empower the Vestry of St. Mark's Parish, in the County of Culpeper, to sell the Glebe of the said Parish, and lay out the Money in purchasing a more convenient Glebe, was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be ingrossed.

A *Bill* to empower the Vestry of Meherrin Parish, in the County of Brunswick, to sell the Glebe of the said Parish, and lay out the Money in purchasing a more convenient Glebe, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to the Committee for Religion.

A *Bill* to divide the Parish of Hamilton, in the Counties of Fauquier and Prince William, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to the Committee for Religion.

A *Bill* to repeal an Act of the General Assembly, exempting the inhabitants of Mecklenburg County, from the Payment of Ferriage. on certain Days, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to Mr Edmund Pendleton, Mr Mercer, and Mr Marable.

A *Bill* for reimbursing the Inhabitants of King William and Hanover Counties the Expence of clearing Pamunkey River, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

A *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof David Garland is seized in Fee Tail, and for vesting the same in Trustees in Fee Simple, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to all the Members who serve for the Counties of Brunswick, Charlotte, and Lunenburg.

*And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.*

**Tuesday**

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 332.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, 395.





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**A**NOTHER Member having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated and subscribed the Test, took his Place in the House.

Mr Bland presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to explain and amend one Act of Assembly, made in the fourth Year of the Reign of Queen Anne, intituled, *An Act for regulating the Election of Burgeffes, for settling their Privileges, and for ascertaining their Allowances*; and also one other Act, made in the tenth Year of the Reign of King George the II. intituled, *An Act to declare who shall have a Right to vote in the Election of Burgeffes, to serve in the General Assembly, for Counties; and for preventing fraudulent Conveyances, in order to multiply Votes at such Elections*; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr Carrington reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *David Garland* is seized in Fee Tail, and for vesting the same in Trustees in Fee Simple; and for other purposes therein mentioned, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendment was twice read, and upon the Question put thereupon, was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingrossed.

A *Petition* of *Richard Starke* was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioner had set on Foot Proposals for printing and publishing a Directory to the Justices of Peace, to enable them more easily to discharge their Duty; but that many Gentlemen in that Office will not subscribe to the Undertaking, and think it reasonable that, as they act in it without Reward, they should be furnished with necessary Books, at the Public Expence; and therefore praying the House to determine what Number of the Books they will take, if the Work shall, upon Examination, be approved of, for the Use of the Public.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr Jefferson presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *David Meade* and *Sarah*, his Wife are seized, and for settling other Lands therein mentioned to the same Uses; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

A *Message* from the Council, by Mr Walthoe:

Mr Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for giving a Salary to the Speaker of the House of Burgeffes, without any Amendment*: And also,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for appointing a Treasurer, without any Amendment*: And also,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the County and Parish of Augusta; and for adding certain Islands, in the Fluvanna River, to the Counties of Albemarle and Amherst, without any Amendment*: And also,

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<sup>1</sup> Hening, III, p. 236.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 394.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 395.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 395.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., IV, p. 475.





*The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to confirm to George Marshall the Fee Simple Estate in certain Lands purchased by him of the Vestry of Hanover, in the County of King George, without any Amendment: And also,*

*The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof Thomas Fisher, junior, is seized, and for settling Slaves, of greater Value, to the same Uses, without any Amendment: And also,*

*The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for preventing and suppressing private Lotteries, with some Amendments; to which Amendments the Council desire the Concurrence of this House. And also,*

*The Council have agreed to the Resolve for paying Three Hundred Pounds to William Rind, Alexander Purdie, and John Dixon: And also,*

*The Council have agreed to the Resolve for paying Edward Westmore an additional Salary.*

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for preventing and suppressing private Lotteries.*

And the said Amendments were read, and are as followeth, viz.

Line 10, after *thrown at*, insert *any such Lotteries.*

Line 11, leave out *such Lotteries.*

The said Amendments being severally read a second time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr Eyre do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by them.

Mr Bland reported, from the Committee appointed upon *Friday*, the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of this Instant *November*, to draw up an Address and Memorial, to be presented to the Governor, that the Committee had drawn up an Address and Memorial accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Address and Memorial in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's Table; where the same were read, and are as followeth, viz.

My Lord,

We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Burgeesses of Virginia, having, agreeable to our former Assurances, maturely and deliberately considered your Excellency's Speech, beg Leave to renew our unfeigned Thanks for his Majesty's kind Attention to the Interests of this Colony, in so readily approving the Report of the Right Honourable the Board of Trade and Plantations, in Favour of a more extended Boundary to the Westward. We are persuaded that his Majesty's sole Motive for so doing arose from his most gracious Inclination to Promote the Security and Happiness of his dutiful Subjects; but permit us, my Lord, with all Humility and Deference to his Royal Wisdom, by an humble Memorial, to express our Apprehensions that his Majesty hath not yet been made properly and fully acquainted with the true Situation of our Frontiers; and suffer us to intreat your Lordship, 98 that you will be pleased to lay before our Royal Sovereign, a more perfect State of the Matter, and endeavour to procure for this Colony such farther Indulgencies, in enlarging its Boundary, as to his Majesty, in his great Wisdom, may seem just and right. On our Parts, we do assure your Excellency, that we shall, at all Times, be ready and willing cheerfully to comply with every Requisition in our Power, that may tend to promote the Honour and Dignity of his Majesty's Crown, the Extension of his Dominions, and the true Interests of this Colony.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable Norborne, Baron de Botetourt, his Majesty's Lieutenant and Governor General, and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and Vice Admiral of the same.

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<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 438.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 440.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 353.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 353.





## The MEMORIAL of the HOUSE of BURGESSES,

*Humbly Represents,*

*That your Memorialists having paid the earliest Attention to your Lordship's Speech at the Opening of this Session, have taken under their most serious Consideration that very interesting Part of it which relates to the Report of the Right Honourable the Board of Trade and Plantations to his Majesty, respecting the Extention of the Boundary of this Colony to the Westward; and as your Memorialists are extremely solicitous, on all Occasions, to stand fair in the Royal Opinion of their most gracious Sovereign, they humbly presume to lay before your Excellency their Reasons for not immediately complying with his Majesty's Requisition, communicated to them by your Lordship in such very polite and engaging Terms. Sensible as your Memorialists are of the many signal Advantages which would redound as well to his Majesty as to several of his American Colonists, they should think themselves blind to their Duty and Interest if they did not receive, with all Thankfulness, your Lordship's Information of the Benefits intended to them by his Majesty's gracious Approval of a more extended Boundary, than had been proposed by the Superintendant of Indian Affairs in the Southern Department; but they flatter themselves that a Revision of the Subject, if his Majesty would once more be pleased to condescend to take it under his Princely Consideration, would convince his Majesty that his most gracious Purpose cannot be answered by establishing the Line proposed.*

*Your Memorialists beg Leave to observe that the said Line, if extended from the Intersection of Holston's River, the Point, which would terminate the Line dividing this Colony from North Carolina to the Mouth of the great Kanhaway, would be near Two Hundred Miles in Length, and must pass through a Country abounding with high and rugged Mountains, extremely difficult and dangerous of Access, and intersected by many Water Courses; that the present Posture of Indian Affairs would make a strong Guard of armed Men necessary for the Protection of those who might be commissioned to run such a Line, as it must necessarily pass through a Country uninhabited, and through which those Indians, who seem at present most inclined to Hostilities, do frequently take their Routs;*

*That by establishing such a Line, a great Part of that most valuable Country, lying on the Ohio, below the Mouth of the great Kanhaway, lately ceded to his Majesty by the Northern Indians, would be separated and divided from the British Territory, on the upper Part of Holston's River, the great Kanhaway, and the Ohio, which your Memorialists humbly conceive must greatly impede, and may totally prevent the Settlement of that Fertile and extensive Country, which, from its Situation and many natural Advantages, would open the fairest Prospect of a very beneficial Commerce to our Mother Country, by securing to his Majesty's Subjects a new and extensive Trade with the several Tribes of Western Indians, which has hitherto been almost engrossed by the Subjects of France; and by this means many Indian Nations, heretofore living at Enmity with our most gracious Sovereign and his Subjects, might be made friendly and useful in extending the Trade and Navigation of Great-Britain.*

*That your Memorialists have the greatest Reason to fear that the said Line, if confirmed, would constantly open to the Indians and others, Enemies to his Majesty, a free and easy Ingress to the Heart of the Country, on the Ohio, Holston's River, and the great Kanhaway, whereby the Settlements, which may be attempted in those Quarters, will, in all Probability, be utterly destroyed, and that great Extent of Country, from the Mouth of the Kanhaway, to the Mouth of the Cherokee River, extending Eastward as far as the Lawrel Hills, so very lately ceded to his Majesty; and to which no Tribe of Indians, at present, sets up any Pretensions, will be entirely abandoned to the Cherokees; in Consequence of which, Claims totally destructive of the true Interests of his Majesty, may, at some future Time arise, and Acquisitions justly ranked amongst the most valuable of the late War, be altogether lost.*

*Your Memorialists further beg Leave to represent to your Lordship, that Lands, which have been granted by Patents regularly obtained, according to the known and fixed Rules of this Government, if the said Line were to take Place, would be entirely dismembered from this Colony, allotted to the Indians, and entirely lost to the Proprietors, who were authorized by Law, and encouraged by the Royal Instruction of his late Majesty to his Governor, to explore and settle this new Country, at the Risque of their Lives, and at a great Expence.*

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*Your Memorialists, from these weighty Considerations, have been induced to extend their VIEWS, and do humbly offer, as their Opinion, that a Line beginning at the Western Termination of the North Carolina Line, and running thence in a due West Direction to the River Ohio, may be accomplished at a much less Expence than the other Line proposed; that the Extension of such a Line is necessary for the Safety and Advantage of his Majesty's Subjects, and that it would tend greatly to the Increase of his Majesty's Revenue, and to the Promotion of the Trade and Navigation of the Western Part of this Dominion, if a Purchase were made of the Cherokee Indians of all their Lands, which such due Western Line would include; especially if his Majesty would be greatly pleased, in his Royal Wisdom, to discourage all Monopolies of those Lands, and strengthen our Barrier, by granting them, in small or moderate Quantities, to such Adventures as might incline to seat and settle the same.*

*Your Memorialists, for the better Illustration of the foregoing Observations, beg Leave to lay before your Excellency as exact and perfect a Plan of that Part of the Country, as they at present are able to procure, and humbly submit the whole Matter to your Excellency's Judgment.*

*Resolved*, That the said Address and Memorial be committed.

*Resolved*, That the said Address and Memorial be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

*Resolved*, That this House will now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the Address and Memorial to be presented to the Governor.

*Ordered*, That the Resolutions of the Committee of the whole House, which, upon Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of this Instant November, were agreed to by the House, be referred to the said Committee.

Then the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr Speaker left the Chair.

Mr Bland took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr Bland reported from the Committee, that they had made a Progress in the Matters to them referred; and that he was directed by the Committee to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the Address and Memorial to be presented to the Governor.

The Order of the Day being read;

*Ordered*, That the Call of the House be adjourned till To-morrow.

*And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.*

**Wednesday, the 29th of November. 10 Geo. III. 1769.**

**T**HE House, according to the Order of the Day, was called over; and the Names of such Members as made Default to appear were taken down.

Then the Names of such Members as made Default to appear were again called over, and several of them appeared, and the rest were excused.

A Petition of Mr Willis Riddick was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that a greater Number of legal Freeholders voted for the Petitioner at the last Election of Burgesses to serve in the General Assembly for the County of Nanfemond, than for Mr Benjamin Baker, who was returned duly elected, with Mr Lemuel Riddick; and therefore praying the Consideration of the House in the Premises.

*Ordered*, That the Consideration of the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House proceeded to take unto Consideration the Report from the Committee appointed to examine into the State of the Funds arising from the several Duties and Taxes





Taxes imposed for the Redemption of the Treasury Notes, as also to state an Account, of the Debt due from the Estate of the late Treasurer, with the several Payments made by his Administrators, since the last Settlement in General Assembly, which, upon *Thursday* last, was ordered to lie upon the Table.

And the said Report being read, was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Mr *Harrison* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act to continue and amend an Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers*, and also the Bill to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act to oblige Persons bringing Slaves into this Colony from Maryland, Carolina, and the West-Indies, for their own Use, to pay a Duty*, were committed, and to whom it was an Instruction to alter and make the said Bills into one, that the Committee had accordingly altered and made the said Bills into one; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the House, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be ingrossed.

Mr *Harrison* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for laying an additional Duty upon Slaves, imported into this Colony; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr *Dixon* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to dock the Intail of 550 Acres of Land, in the County of *Gloucester*, whereof *Sarah*, the Wife of *John Rootes*, Gentleman, is seized, and for vesting the same in Trustees for the Purposes therein mentioned; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Marshall* have leave to be Absent from the Service of this House for the Remainder of this Session.

Mr *Bland* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for the Relief of Parishes from such Charges as may arise from the Bastard-Children born within the same; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor requesting that his Excellency will be pleased to order the proper Officer to lay before this House a particular Account of all the Orders of Council for granting Lands (with the Names of the Grantees) lying between the *Alleghany* Mountains, and a Line that may be run from the Western Boundary of the *Carolina* Line, to the Confluence of the River *Ohio*, with the *Mississippi*, excluding from such Account those Persons who have already obtained Patents or Grants in Consequence of their Petitions.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to his Excellency by Mr *Richard Henry Lee* and Mr *Jones*. 90

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, that he will be pleased to order the proper Officer to lay before this House an Account of all Petitions to the Governor and Council for Orders to take up and survey Lands, lying between the *Alleghany* Mountains, and a Line that may be run from the Western Boundary of the *Carolina* Line to the Confluence of the River *Ohio* with the *Mississippi*.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to his Excellency by Mr *Richard Henry Lee* and Mr *Jones*.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to prevent Masters or Skippers of Vessels from selling spirituous Liquors, except to their own Crews, in small Quantities; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Upon a Motion made,

*Ordered*



*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal an Act, intituled, *An Act for increasing the Salary of the Minister of the Parish of Frederick, in the County of Frederick*; and that Mr *Rutherford* and Mr *Edmund Pendleton* do prepare and bring in the same.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the Address and Memorial to be presented to the Governor;

*Resolved*, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

*Resolved*, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill for establishing Quarterly Courts, instead of Monthly Courts in certain Counties.

Mr *Treasurer* presented to the House, by Direction of the Governor, a Letter from Mr *Thomas Willing*, of *Philadelphia*, to the Honourable *William Byrd*, Esquire, relative to the Reception of the Persons of unsound Mind, now in the Public Gaol of this Colony, into the Hospital of *Philadelphia*; and he delivered the Letter in at the Clerk's Table.

And the said Letter was read.

*Ordered*, That the said Letter do lie upon the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Godwin* and *Boswell Godwin*, Inspectors of Tobacco, at *Bollingbrook* Warehouses in the County of *Dinwiddie*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that during the last inspection, thirteen Hogsheads of Tobacco were stolen out of the said Warehouses, for which the Petitioners had been obliged to make Reparation to the Owners; and therefore praying Relief.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

*And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.*

## Thursday, the 30th of November, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

MR *Bland* reported, from the Committee appointed to examine into the State of the Treasury, that the Committee had had the said State under their further Consideration, and had directed him to report the same, as it appeared to them, to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the same was read, and is as followeth, viz.

Your Committee having carefully examined the Treasurer's Accounts and compared them with the proper Vouchers, find that they are all fairly and justly stated.

It appears to your Committee that the Balance of the Money received of the several Collectors for Taxes appropriated to the Redemption of the Treasury Notes amounts to 12,802 *l.* 18 *s.* 8 *d.* of which Sum we have burnt and destroyed 10,641 *l.* 17 *s.* 9 *d.* of Paper, and left a Balance of 2161 *l.* 0 11 *d.* in the Treasurer's Hands to be exchanged for Treasury Notes. We likewise find that there is due to the Account of the Public Treasury a Balance of 2961 *l.* 7 *s.* 6 *d.* which with the other Balance the Treasurer produced to us.

The said *Report* being read a second Time, was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer's Accounts do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Treasurer's Accounts to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Dixon* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House till this Day Fortnight.

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Mr *Richard Henry Lee* reported to the House, that their Addressees of Yesterday, that his Excellency would be pleased to order the proper Officer to lay before this House, a particular Account of all the Orders of Council, for granting Lands, and also an Account of all Petitions for Orders to take up and survey Lands, lying between the *Alleghany* Mountains and a Line that may be run from the Western Boundary of the *Carolina* Line, to the Confluence of the River *Ohio*, with the *Mississippi*, had been presented to his Excellency; and that his Excellency had directed him to acquaint the House, that he will give Directions accordingly.

A Message from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act<sup>1</sup> for further continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for reducing the several Acts of the Assembly, for making provision against Invasions and Insurrections, into one Act, *without any Amendment*: And also,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act<sup>2</sup> for adding Part of the Parish of *Southfarham* to the Parish of *Saint Anne*, *without any Amendment*: And also,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act<sup>3</sup> for adding twenty Acres of Land, whereof *Patrick Ramsay* is seized, to the Town of *Blandford*, *without any Amendment*: And also,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act<sup>4</sup> for exempting Free Negro, 101 Mulatto and Indian Women, from the Payment of Levies, *with some Amendments*; to which Amendments the Council desire the Concurrence of this House: And also,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act<sup>5</sup> for further continuing, and amending the Act, intituled, An Act for increasing the Reward for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the respective Counties wherein Services shall be performed, *with some Amendments*; to which Amendments the Council desire the Concurrence of this House: And also,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act<sup>6</sup> to empower the Churchwardens and Vestry of the Parish of *Hungars*, in the County of *Northampton*, to lease certain Lands therein mentioned, *with some Amendments*; to which Amendments the Council desire the Concurrence of this House: And also,

The Council have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act<sup>7</sup> to prevent felling Oysters at unseasonable Times; to which the Council desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

The Order of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the Address and Memorial, to be presented to the Governor.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, intituled, An Act<sup>8</sup> for exempting Free Negro, Mulatto, and Indian Women from the payment of Levies.

And the said Amendments were read, and are as followeth, viz.

Line 10, leave out 'the passing of this Act,' and insert 'the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of June next,' instead thereof; and after 'Wives,' insert 'other than Slaves.'

To the End of the Bill, add, 'provided always, that the Execution of this Act shall be, and the same is hereby suspended, until his Majesty's Approbation thereof shall be obtained.'

And the said Amendments being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by them.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, returning him the Thanks of this House, for his kind and humane Attention to the Piteous

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 334.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 406.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 413.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 393.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 388.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 414.

<sup>7</sup> Not recorded as a law.

<sup>8</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 393.





Piteous Situation of the four unhappy People, who are disordered in their Senses, and now confined in the Public Gaol of this Colony; desiring that his Lordship will be pleased, as he has proposed, to send them to the Hospital in *Philadelphia*, till a proper Provision can be made here, for Persons under the like unhappy Circumstances; and assuring his Lordship, that this House will cheerfully pay the Expences that may attend their Support and maintenance.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to his Excellency by Mr *Treasurer*.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled, An Act for increasing the Rewards for killing Wolves, within certain Counties, to be paid by the respective Counties wherein the Services shall be performed.*

And the said Amendments were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Line 14, After '*Fauquier*,' leave out '*and*;' and after '*Culpeper*,' insert and '*Botetourt*.'

Line 18, After '*Fauquier*,' leave out '*and*;' and after '*Culpeper*,' insert and '*Botetourt*.'

The said Amendments being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by them.

Mr *Harrison* reported, from the Committee of Trade, that the Committee had had under their Consideration, the Petition of several Traders in Pork, Beef, Tar, Pitch and Turpentine, to them referred, and had come to a Resolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of several Traders in Pork, Beef, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine, praying that the Act of Assembly for the Inspection of those Commodities may be amended, is reasonable.

The said Resolution being read a second Time, was, upon the Question put thereupon agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That a Bill or Bills be brought in, pursuant to the said Resolution: And that the Committee of Trade do prepare and bring in the same.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to empower the Church-Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of Hungars, in the County of Northampton, to lease certain Lands therein mentioned.*

And the said Amendments were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Line 17, 18, Leave out '*Cause a Covenant to be inserted in the Deed of Lease of the said Two Hundred Acres of Land, that the Tenant or Lessee, his or her Heirs and Assigns shall.*'

Line 18, Leave out '*Twenty-five*,' and insert '*Fifty*,' instead thereof.

The said Amendments being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by them.

A Petition of *Richard Roy* and *John Miller*, Inspectors at *Roy's Warehouse*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that in the late Hurricane, in *September* last, Considerable Damage was done to the Tobacco in the said Warehouse; and further setting forth, that since their Salaries were settled, the Quantities of Tobacco brought to the said Warehouse have largely exceeded what were brought there before; and therefore praying that they may be relieved; and that their Salaries for the last Year, and for the Time to come, may be increased.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

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Mr *Treasurer* reported, from the Committee for Religion, that the Committee had had under their Consideration several Petitions, to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of fundry Inhabitants of *Suffolk* Parish in the County of *Nansemond* (on the East Side of the River) praying for a Division of the said Parish, or dissolving the Vestry thereof; and for discontinuing a free Ferry therein mentioned, be heard before the Committee on *Thursday* the seventh Day of *December* next.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Vestry or Church-Wardens of the said Parish, be served with a Copy of the said Petition, and have previous Notice of the Time when the said Petition is to be heard before the Committee.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Clerk of the said Vestry, do attend the Committee at the Time aforesaid, with the Vestry Books relative to the Subject Matter of the said petition.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petitions of fundry Inhabitants of the Parish of *St. George* in the County of *Spotsylvania*, praying that the said Parish may be divided by the River *Po* and *Run*, called the *Robinson*; and for subjecting the Tithables of the said Parish to the Expence of building a new Church, and repairing *Pamunkey* Chapel, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that so much of the petitions of fundry Inhabitants of the said Parish of *St. George*, in Opposition thereto, as prays that that Part of the said Parish which lies on the *Rappahannock* River, retain the Name of *St. George*, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Residue of the last mentioned Petitions, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Minister and Vestry of the Parish of *Dettingen* in the County of *Prince William*, praying that an Act may pass to enable them to sell the Glebe of the said Parish, and to purchase a more convenient Glebe, is reasonable.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That a Bill or Bills be brought in pursuant to the *fourth*, *fifth*, and *seventh* of the said Resolutions; and that the Committee for Religion, do prepare and bring in the same.

A *Message* from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*:

Mr *Speaker*,

*The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for destroying Crows and Squirrels, in certain Counties therein mentioned, with some Amendments; to which Amendments the Council desire the Concurrence of this House.*

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Consideration several Petitions, to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the same were read, and are as followeth, *viz.* 104

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petitions of the Inhabitants of *Prince William* County, praying that a separate Inspection of Tobacco may be established on the Lots, distinguished by the Numbers 171 and 172, in the Plan of the Town of *Dumfries*, in the said County, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of several Merchants trading to and from the said Town of *Dumfries*, in Opposition thereto, be rejected.

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The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*, that they have Power to receive a Clause or Clauses, pursuant to the first Resolution.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had had under their Consideration the Petition of Mr *Willis Riddick*, to them referred, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Benjamin Baker*, to serve as a Burgess in this present General Assembly, for the County of *Nansemond*, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table, where the same were read, and are as followeth, viz.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Persons who voted at the said Election, whose Freeholds are questioned, either by the Petitioner, or sitting Member, be examined on Oath before *Jonathan Godwin, Thomas Godwin, Samuel Colquhoun, William Sheppard, David Mead, Edward Wright, and Anthony Holladay*, Gentlemen, or any four of them, whether they be Freeholders or not, except such of them as did swear to their Freeholds at the said Election.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitioner and sitting Member be at Liberty to examine Witneses before the same Persons, as to the Freehold of any Person who voted at the said Election; although such Persons swore to their Freeholds at the Election, or shall swear to them at the Examination: And that it be an Instruction to the Persons before whom such Examinations are taken, to examine how long such Voters have been in Possession of, and paid Quitrents for the Lands or Tenements, in Right of which they voted at the Election, and that they return the Depositions to this Committee.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Subject Matter of the said Petition be heard before the Committee on *Friday* the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of *December* next.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Mr *Nelson* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to dock the Intail of 105 Three Thousand Acres of Land, whereof *Armistead Lightfoot* is seized in Fee Tail, and vesting the same in Trustees for the Purposes therein mentioned, was committed, That the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true: and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a second Time, one by one, and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, were agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

*Resolved*, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill for establishing Quarterly Courts, instead of Monthly Courts, in certain Counties.

Mr *Marable* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to repeal an Act of the General Assembly, exempting the Inhabitants of *Mecklenburg* County from the Payment of Ferriage on certain Days, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Question put thereupon, was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingrossed.

*And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.*

*Friday*





Friday, the 1st of December, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

A Claim of *John Hite* for Provision and Ammunition furnished the *Frederick* Militia in actual Service in the Year 1763, was presented to the House, and read.

Ordered, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

A Claim of *Robert Cunningham* for Provision furnished the *Frederick* Militia in the Years 1757 and 1758, was presented to the House, and read.

Ordered, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

A Claim of *Jacob Vanmeter* for the Balance of his Account for the Hire of his Waggon and Team, employed to carry Provisions to *Fort Cumberland*, for the Use of the Army in the Year 1755, was presented to the House, and read.

Ordered, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

Ordered, That Mr *Braxton* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House, for the Recovery of his Health.

Ordered, That Mr *Bassett* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House till Monday Sevenight next. 106

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom the Bill for paying Officers Fees, due from the Inhabitants of other Counties for Services done in the County of *Loudoun*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table: where the Amendment was read.

The said Amendment being read a second Time;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, that the said Bill be recommitted; It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the said Bill be recommitted to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine the inrolled Bills.

And a Committee was appointed of Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*, Mr *Wilson Miles Cary*, Mr *Starke*, Mr *Banister*, Mr *Richard Baker*, Mr *Jones*, and Mr *Jefferson*.

Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*, presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to dock the Intail of 4000 Acres of Land, in the County of *Isle of Wight*, whereof *James Burwell* is seized in Fee Tail, and for vesting the same in Trustees in Fee Simple, and for other Purposes therein mentioned; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr *Thomas Walker* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Consideration several Petitions to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the same were read, and are as followeth, viz.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Thomas Priest*, to be allowed for 64 Days Pay as a Voluntier in the Year 1764, which was omitted by the Commissioners, is reasonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of 4*l.* 16*s.* 0*d.* for the same.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Thomas Roy*, to be allowed for building the Wharf therein mentioned, is reasonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of 17*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* for the same.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that so much of the Petition of *Richard Roy*, and *John Miller*, Inspectors of Tobacco at *Roy's* Warehouse, as relates to the Transfer Tobacco therein mentioned, amounting to 4817 lbs. damaged and lost in the



the late Guft, is reasonable; and that, they ought to be allowed the Sum of 54*l.* 3*s.* 9¼*d* for the fame; and that the other Parts of the faid petition, be rejected.

The faid *Refolutions* being feverally read a fecond Time, were, upon the Queftion feverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houfe.

The Houfe, according to Order, refolved itfelf into a Committee of the whole Houfe, upon the Bill for eftablifhing Quarterly Courts, inftead of Monthly Courts, in certain Counties.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* returned the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made feveral Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the Houfe; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Report was read.

Several of the Amendments made by the Committee to the faid Bill, being feverally read a fecond Time, were, upon the Queftion feverally put thereupon, agreed to by the Houfe.

And the Refidue of the Amendments made by the Committee to the faid Bill, being feverally read a fecond Time, were poftponed.

Mr *Richard Baker* prefented to the Houfe, according to Order, a Bill to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for Relief of Insolvent Debtors*; and the fame was received, and read the firft Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a fecond Time.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Edmund Pendleton* have Leave to be abfent from the Service of this Houfe till Monday Sevenight.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Benjamin Grymes* have Leave to be abfent from the Service of this Houfe till Tuesday Sevenight.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Wilfon Miles Cary* have Leave to be abfent from the Service of this Houfe till Thursday next.

Mr *Bland* prefented to the Houfe, according to Order, a Bill to continue and amend the Act for better regulating and difciplining the Militia; and the fame was received, and read the firft Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a fecond Time.

A *Petition* of *Elizabeth Emerson*, Widow, was prefented to the Houfe, and read; praying to be allowed the Value of an Outlawed Runaway Slave, who was found dead.

A *Motion* was made, and the Queftion being put, that the faid *Petition* be referred to the Confideration of a Committee;

It paffed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That the faid *Petition* be rejected.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the better Support of the contingent Charges of this Government; and that the Committee of Propositions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the fame.

Mr *Nelson* prefented to the Houfe, according to Order, a Bill for laying a Tax upon Dogs; and the fame was received, and read the firft Time.

And a *Motion* was made, and the Queftion being put, that the Bill be read a fecond Time;

It paffed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be rejected.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

*Resolved*, That this Houfe will, upon Tuesday next, refolve itfelf into a Committee of the whole Houfe, to confider further of the Addrefs and Memorial to be prefented to the Governor.

Mr





Mr *Treasurer* reported to the House, that their Address of Yesterday, that his Excellency would be pleased, as he had proposed, to send the four Persons, who are disordered in their Senses, and now confined in the Public Gaol of this Colony, to the Hospital in *Philadelphia*, had been presented to his Excellency; and that his Excellency had directed him to acquaint the House, that he would, with Pleasure, give Directions accordingly.

A Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *David Mead* and *Sarah* his Wife are seized, and for settling other Lands therein mentioned to the same Uses, was read a second Time. 108

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Jefferson*, and all the Members who serve for the Counties of *Northampton*, *Nansemond*, and *Isle of Wight*.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Amendments, made by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for destroying Crows and Squirrels, in certain Counties therein mentioned*.

And the said Amendments were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Line 3, leave out '*Lancaster*;' and after '*Pittsylvania*' insert '*and*.'

Line 4, leave out '*Prince William, Richmond, and Westmoreland*.'

Line 15, leave out '*Lancaster*.'

Line 16, after '*Pittsylvania*' insert '*and*'; and leave out '*Prince William, Richmond, and Westmoreland*.'

Line 17, leave out '*two Pounds*' and insert '*one Pound*,' instead thereof.

Line 25, leave out '*five*,' and insert '*three*,' instead thereof.

The said Amendments being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by them.

Mr *Treasurer* presented to the House, pursuant to their Order, a State of the Fund for the Bounty on Hemp.

And the said State was read.

*Ordered*, That the said State do lie upon the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

An engrossed Bill from the Council, intituled, *An Act to prevent selling Oysters at unseasonable Times*, was read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

An engrossed Bill to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act to continue and amend an Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers*; also to continue *An Act to oblige Persons bringing Slaves into this Colony from Maryland, Carolina, and the West-Indies, for their own Use, to pay a Duty*, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act for continuing certain Acts of Assembly, imposing Duties on Slaves*.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Harrison* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to dock the Intail of 3,000 Acres of Land, whereof *Armistead Lightfoot* is seized in Fee Tail, and vesting the same in Trustees for the Purposes therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

And the Question being put, that the Bill do pass;

It passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be rejected.

And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Saturday

\* Hening, VIII, p. 339.

• Not recorded as a law.

• Hening, VIII, p. 190.

• *Ibid.*, VII, p. 338.

• *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 336.





Saturday, the 2nd of December, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

**O**RDERED, That Mr *Poythress* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House for the Recovery of his Health.

A *Petition* of several Persons of the Parish of *St. Luke*, in the County of *Southampton*: And also

A *Petition* of several Persons, Inhabitants of the North Side of *Nottoway* River, in the County of *Southampton*: And also

A *Petition* of the Merchants and Traders of the County of *Nansemond*,

Were severally presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that a Bridge over *Nottoway* River, at Col. *Brown's* Ferry, which had been built by Subscription, was very convenient to Travellers, and commodious to Trade; but that the said Bridge had been lately carried away; and therefore praying, that an Act may pass to oblige the Justices of the said County of *Southampton* to cause a Bridge to be built at the Place aforesaid, and to be kept in Repair, at the Expence of the said County.

Ordered, That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

An ingrossed *Bill* for further continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act for further continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*.

Ordered, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to repeal an Act, made in the Twenty-second Year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act concerning Strays*; and to establish a more effectual Method to prevent Frauds committed by Persons taking up Strays: And that Mr *Starke* and Mr *William Cabell* do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Act against stealing Hogs: And that Mr *Carrington* and Mr *Henry Lee* do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, At the Request of Mr *Attorney-General*, That Mr *Treasurer* do retain Counsel, learned in the Law, to advise with and assist Mr *Attorney-General* in Prosecution of the Government Suits, for Recovery of the Debt due from the late Treasurer, to the Public.

A Claim of *John Spinks*, for carrying to *Williamsburg*, certain stolen Goods, found in the Possession of *John Johnson* and *Richard Stewart*, who were indicted for Felony, in order to be produced on the Trials of the said Criminals, was presented to the House, and read.

Ordered, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

110 Mr *Bland* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for the more speedy and effectual Recovery of the Debt due to the Public, from the Estate of the late Treasurer: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

A *Petition* of *Thomas Aubrey*, and several other Persons, of the County of *Loudoun*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that a Ferry over the *Potomack* River, from the Land of the said *Thomas Aubrey*, about half a Mile above the Mouth of *Kitockton* Creek, to the Land of *James Hook*, in *Maryland*, would be useful and convenient; and therefore praying, that a Ferry may be established at the Place aforesaid, and that the Rate for passing the same may be Seven Pence Halfpenny, for Man and Horse.

Ordered

<sup>1</sup> Hening, V, p. 38.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 338.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., VI, p. 133



*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr *Treasurer* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for dividing the Parish of *St. George*, in the County of *Spotsylvania*, and for other Purposes therein mentioned: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to continue an Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies; and that Mr *Eyre* and Mr *Jones* do prepare and bring in the same. And then the House adjourned till Monday Morning next Eleven of the Clock.

## Monday, the 4th of December, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

**O**RDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to encourage the making of Hemp: And that the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in the same. Mr *Bland* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to empower the Inhabitants of *New-Kent* County, to retail Cyder and Brandy, the Produce of their own Orchards; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

An ingrossed *Bill* to repeal an Act of the General Assembly, exempting the Inhabitants of *Mecklenburg* County, from the Payment of Ferriage, on certain Days, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, *An Act to repeal an Act of the General Assembly, exempting the Inhabitants of Mecklenburg County, from the Payment of Ferriage on certain Days.*

*Ordered*, That Mr *Banister* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

An ingrossed *Bill* to empower the Vestry of *Saint Mark's* Parish, in the County of *Culpeper*, to sell the Glebe of the said Parish, and lay out the Money in purchasing a more convenient Glebe, was read the third Time. 111

An ingrossed *Clause* was offered to be added to the Bill, by Way of *Ryder*, for saving the Rights of Strangers. And the said Clause was thrice read; and, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, to be made Part of the Bill, by Way of *Ryder*.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, *An Act to empower the Vestry of Saint Mark's Parish, in the County of Culpeper, to sell the Glebe of the said Parish, and lay out the Money in purchasing a more convenient Glebe.*

*Ordered*, That Mr *Treasurer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Acrill* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House, till *Thursday* next.

An ingrossed *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *David Garland* is seized in Fee Tail, and for vesting the same in Trustees in Fee Simple, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof David Garland is seized in Fee Tail; and for vesting the Title in Francis Eppes, Gentleman, in Fee Simple; and for settling the Value thereof in Slaves, to the same Uses.*

*Ordered*, That Mr *Carrington* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

*Ordered*, That the Thanks of the House be given to the Reverend Mr *Bland*, for the excellent Sermon, by him preached Yesterday before this House, at *Bruton* Church, in the





the City of *Williamfburg*; and that he be desired to print the same; and that Mr *Rutherford* and Mr *Moore* do acquaint him therewith.

Mr *Eyre* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to continue an Act, intituled, *An Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies*; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Consideration, several petitions, to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Resolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Tristram Norfworthy*, of *Nanfemond* County, praying that Part of the lower Parish of *Nanfemond*, may be added to the Parish of *Newport*, and County of *Isle of Wight*, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Churchwardens and Vestry of the Parish of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick*, praying Relief against the Exactions of the Collectors of their Parish Levy, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petitions of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Southampton* and *Nanfemond*, praying that an Act may pass to oblige the Justices of the said County of *Southampton*, to build a Bridge over *Nottoway* River, at *Jesse Brown's*, is reasonable.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That a Bill or Bills be brought in, pursuant to the said Resolutions; and 112 that the Committee of Propositions and Grievances do prepare and bring in the same.

A Bill for better regulating the Collection of Public, County, and Parish Levies, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

*Ordered*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, that his Excellency will be pleased to order a new Writ to be made out for the electing of a Burgess to serve in this present General Assembly, for the County of *Amelia*, in the Room of Mr *Thomas Tabb*, deceased.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to his Excellency by Mr *Winn*.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Farmer* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House till the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of this Instant *December*.

A Bill to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act for establishing a Town near Warwick*, in the County of *Henrico*, was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be ingrossed.

A Bill for clearing a Road from *Payne's Run*, in the County of *Augusta*, to *Thurman's* in the County of *Albemarle*, was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be ingrossed.

A Petition of *Armistead Lightfoot* was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the petitioner is seized in Fee Tail of Six Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty-eight Acres of Land, in the County of *Brunswick*; and also of two Tracts of Land, called *Dover* and *Beaverdam*, in the County of *Goochland*, under the Will of *Philip Lightfoot*, Esq; deceased; and that Sixty Slaves annexed to the Lands in *Brunswick* have been taken in Execution, and sold for Payment of the Petitioner's Debts; and therefore the said Lands must be a Burthen to him, for Want of Slaves to work them; and that it will be beneficial to the petitioner, and those claiming in Remainder, if two Thousand Eight Hundred Acres of the said Lands in *Brunswick*, are vested in Trustees to be sold,

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and the Money arising from such Sale laid out in the Purchase of Slaves, to be also vested in Trustees for the joint Lives of the Petitioner and his Wife, and afterwards to go and descend under the like Limitations, and to the same Uses, as the said Lands in *Brunswick*; and therefore praying that an Act may pass for that Purpose.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition: And that Mr *Nelson* and Mr *Dudley Digges* do prepare and bring in the same.

*And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning, Eleven of the Clock.*

## Tuesday, the 5th of December, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

**A**NOTHER Member, returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and repeated and subscribed the Test, took his Place in the House.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill declaring Slaves to be personal Estate; and for other Purposes therein mentioned; and that Mr *Mercer* and Mr *Newton* do prepare and bring in the same. 113

Mr *Bland* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to amend the Act, intituled, *An Act to amend the Act for the better Government of Servants and Slaves*: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

A *Petition* of *Nicholas Mead* was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that as he was coming to *Williamsburg* with a Jury, summoned by him, as Under Sheriff of *Bedford* County, for the Trial of *James Bigan*, for Horse-stealing, the Petitioner's Horse died in the Journey, in the County of *Cumberland*; and therefore praying to be allowed for his Travelling so far.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Petition* of *Matthew Davenport*, Clerk of the Court of Huftings, for the City of *Williamsburg*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioner is restrained from charging more than Ten Shillings *per* Hundred for his Tobacco Fees; and that the Sheriffs are not obliged to collect his said Fees, whereby he suffers considerable Loss; and therefore praying that an Act may pass to make his Fees distrainable, under the like Regulations as the Fees of County Court Clerks are.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the Practice of Physicians and Surgeons: And that Mr *Henry* and Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to empower the Vestry of the Parish of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick*, to levy on the Inhabitants of the said Parish the Amount of a Judgment recovered against them by *William Meldrum*, their late Minister: And that Mr *Mercer* and Mr *Wood* do prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for clearing and making navigable the River *Potowmack*, from the great Falls of the said River, up to Fort *Cumberland*; And that Mr *Richard Henry Lee* and Mr *Washington* do prepare and bring in the same.

A *Petition* of *Daniel Armsfield* was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioner went out of this Colony, in or about the Year 1740, on the Expedition to *Carthage*, in which he received several Wounds, whereby he is disabled from getting his Livelihood; and therefore praying Relief.

And a *Motion* was made, and the Question being put, that the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee;

It



It passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That the Petition be rejected.

Mr Bland reported, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, that the  
 114 Committee had had under their Consideration several Petitions to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Resolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Thomas Talbutt*, praying that an Act may pass to confirm an Agreement made by the said *Talbutt*, with the Court of *Norfolk*, for the Purchase of a Parcel of Public Land in the Borough of *Norfolk*, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Buckingham*, praying that a Ferry may be established on the Land of *John Nicholas*, in the said County of *Buckingham*, across *Slate River*, to the said *Nicholas's* Land, on the Opposite Side, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Loudoun*, praying that a Ferry may be established from the Land of *Thomas Awbrey*, above *Kitockton Creek*, in the said County of *Loudoun*, across *Potowmack River*, to the Land of *James Hooks*, in *Maryland*, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Daniel Cargill*, praying that a Ferry may be established from the said *Cargill's* Land, in the County of *Charlotte*, across *Staunton River*, to the Land of *Thomas Cobbs*, in the County of *Halifax*, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Joseph Ligon*, praying that a Ferry may be established from the said *Ligon's* Land, on the North Side of *Dan River*, across the said River, to the Land of *Alexander Roberts*, on the South Side be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *James Scott*, praying that a Ferry may be established from his Land, in the County of *Stafford*, across the River *Potowmack*, to *Kennedy's* in *Maryland*, be rejected.

The *first*, *second*, *third*, and *fourth* Resolutions of the Committee being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The *fifth* Resolution of the Committee being read a second Time;

And the Question being put, that the House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution;

It passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of *Joseph Ligon*, praying that a Ferry may be established from the said *Ligon's* Land, on the North Side of *Dan River*, across the said River, to the Land of *Alexander Roberts*, on the South Side, is reasonable.

The subsequent *Resolution* of the Committee being read a second Time, was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the first Resolution of the Committee, and which hath been agreed to by the House; and that the said Committee do prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill pursuant to the *fourth* Resolution of the said Committee, which was agreed to by the House upon *Monday* the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of *November* last, that they have Power to receive a Clause or Clauses pursuant to the *second* and *third* Resolutions of the said Committee, which have been this Day agreed to by the House; and also to receive a Clause or Clauses for establishing a Ferry over *Dan River*, from the Land of *Joseph Ligon*, on the North Side, to the Land of *Alexander Roberts*, on the South Side of the said River.

Mr *Thomas Walker* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Consideration several petitions to them referred, and had  
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come to several Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House: And he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Resolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *John Scott*, 116  
to be reimbursed for the Public Levies on the Tithables therein mentioned, is reasonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of 19*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.* for the same.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Francis Gaines* and *Thomas Dudley*, Inspectors of Tobacco at *Shepherd's* and *Turner's* Warehouses, in the County of *King & Queen*, to be allowed for the Tobacco therein mentioned, is reasonable; and that they ought to be allowed the Sum of 13*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* for the same.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Mr *Thomas Walker* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Consideration the Petition of *John Bailey*, Guardian of *Jeremiah Garland Bailey*, an Infant, to them referred, and had come to a Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House: And he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Resolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Allegations of the said Petition, are true, and that he ought to be reimbursed the Sum of 57*l.* 10*s.* 6½*d.* being the Balance, after deducting the Sum of 73*l.*, which he received of the Treasurer, in Part of his Account of 130*l.* 10*s.* 6½*d.* for an Acre of Land, building the Houses, and furnishing Timber, Nails, and Hinges; but that no Allowance ought to be made for the Interest and Costs of Suit, amounting to 23*l.* 2*s.* 10½*d.* and 3798 lbs. of Tobacco, as appears by a State of the Accounts produced.

The said *Resolution* being read a second Time;

*Ordered*, That the said Resolution be recommitted to the said Committee of Public Claims.

A Petition of *William Sims*; and also,

A Petition of several Persons of the County of *Charlotte*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed; and also,

A Petition of several Persons of the County of *Halifax*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed,

Were severally presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that a Ferry over *Staunton River*, at a Place called *Owen's*, from the Land of the said *Williams Sims* to the Land of *John Randolph*, will be very convenient; and therefore praying that an Act may pass to establish a Ferry at the said Place.

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr *Starke* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to repeal an Act, made in the twenty-second Year of his late Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act concerning Strays*, and to establish a more effectual Method to prevent Frauds committed by Persons taking up Strays; And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to appoint Commissioners to state and settle the Damages done by the late Storm at *Roy's*, *Crutchfield's*, *Page's* and other Warehouses: And that Mr *Thomas Walker* and Mr *Richard Lee*, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr *Jefferson* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *David Meade* and *Sarah* his Wife are seized, and for settling other Lands therein mentioned to the same Uses, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had 118  
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directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; Where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Question put thereupon, was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingrossed.

The *Order* of the Day being read;

*Resolved*, That this House will, To-Morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider further of the Address and Memorial to be presented to his Excellency.

An ingrossed *Bill* to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act for establishing a Town near Warwick, in the County of Henrico*, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, *An Act to amend and Act, intituled, an Act for establishing a Town near Warwick, in the County of Henrico*.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Jefferson* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

A *Bill* for establishing a Town in the County of *Pittsylvania*, was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be ingrossed.

A *Bill* to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges, or Stops, on the Rivers therein mentioned, to make Openings or Slopes therein for the Passage of Fish, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Thomas Walker* and Mr *Mercer*.

A *Bill* to explain and amend one Act of Assembly, made in the fourth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act for regulating the Election of Burgesses, for settling their Privileges, and for ascertaining their Allowances*; and also one other Act made in the tenth Year of the Reign of King *George* the II. intituled, *An Act to declare who shall have a Right to vote in the Election of Burgesses to serve in the General Assembly for Counties, and for preventing fraudulent Conveyances in Order to multiply Votes at such Elections*, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

*Resolved*, That this House will, upon *Thursday* next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill.

And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

## Wednesday, the 6th of December, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

117 **A** *Bill* to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act for declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for Relief of Insolvent Debtors*, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

*Resolved*, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the said Bill.

Mr *Bland* presented to the House, pursuant to their Addresses to his Excellency.

A particular Account of the Orders of Council for granting Lands, and also an Account of all Petitions for Orders, to take up and survey Lands, lying between the *Alleghany* Mountains, and a Line that may be run from the Western Boundary of the *Carolina* Line to the Confluence of the River *Ohio* with the *Mississippi*.

And the Titles of the said Accounts were read.

*Ordered*, That the said Accounts do lie upon the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

The House moved, That a Proclamation of the Honourable *Robert Dinwiddie*, Esq; his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, for encouraging Men to enlist in his Majesty's Service, for the Defence and Security of this Colony, bearing Date of the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of *February*, in the Twenty-seventh Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King *George* II. might be read.

And

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 411.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 411.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, III, p. 236.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, IV, p. 475

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, V, p. 526.



And the same being read accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Proclamation do lie upon the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

Mr *Nelson* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to dock the intail of 2,800 Acres of Land, in the County of *Brunswick*, whereof *Armistead Lightfoot* is seized in Fee Tail, and vesting the same in Trustees for certain Purposes therein mentioned; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

A *Petition* of *Abraham Kuykendall* was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that in the Year 1763, the Petitioner, in an Engagement with a Party of Indians received a Wound in his left Shoulder, which had rendered his Arm Useless, and impaired his Constitution; and that he had been near three Years under the care of Physicians, by which he incurred a very great Expence; and therefore praying Relief.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr *Mercer* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to empower the Vestry of the Parish of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick*, to levy on the Inhabitants of the said Parish, the Amount of a Judgment recovered against them by *William Mel-drum*, their late Minister; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Address and Memorial, to be presented to his Excellency.

*Ordered*, That the Account of the Orders of Council for granting Lands, and also the Account of the Petitions for Orders to take up and survey Lands, lying between the *Alleghany* Mountains and a Line that may be run from the Western Boundary of the *Carolina* Line to the Confluence of the River *Ohio* with the *Mississippi*, be referred to the said Committee. 118

*Ordered*, That the proclamation of the Honourable *Robert Dinwiddie*, Esq; his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, for encouraging Men to enlist in his Majesty's Service, for the Defence and Security of this Colony, bearing Date the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of *February*, in the Twenty-seventh Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King *George II.* be referred to the said Committee.

Then the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Address and Memorial, and had directed him to report the Address to the House, without any Amendment; and that they had made an Amendment to the Memorial, which they had directed him to report, when the House will please to receive the same.

*Ordered*, That the Report be received To-morrow.

*Ordered*, That this House be called over To-morrow.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

## Thursday. the 7th of December. 10 Geo. III. 1769.

Mr *Harrison* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act for inspecting Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine*; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will be pleased to inform this House whether the Faith of Government is





is now engaged to confirm any Orders of Council for granting of Lands, lying between the *Alleghany* Mountains, and a Line that may be run from the Western Termination of the *North Carolina* Line to the Confluence of the *Ohio* with the *Mississippi*, the Terms of which Orders have not been complied with; and that he will be pleased in future to discourage all Monopolies of Lands within the Colony.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to his Excellency by Mr *Mercer*, Mr *Riddick*, and Mr *Henry*.

Mr *Thomas Walker* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to appoint Commissioners to state and settle the Damages done by the late Storm at *Roy's*, *Crutchfield's*, *Page's*, and other Warehouses; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

119 *Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the Order made upon *Monday* the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of *November* last, that it be an Instruction to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, that they consider of the Rates of Ferriage at all the Public Ferries in this Colony, and make Provision for reducing such of the said Rates as shall appear excessive, be discharged.

Mr *Treasurer* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to divide the Parish of *Hamilton*, in the Counties of *Fauquier* and *Prince William*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then, a second Time, one by one, and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, were agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

A *Petition* of *Richard Corbin*, Esq; was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Ferry from the Land of one *Hackley*, over *Rappahannock* River, to the Petitioner's Land, is refused, and that the Road through the most valuable Part of the Petitioner's Land, leading to the said Ferry, is very inconvenient to him; and therefore praying that so much of the Act of General Assembly, for Regulation and Settlement of Ferries, as relates to the Appointment of the said *Hackley's* Ferry, may be repealed.

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr *Treasurer* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to empower the Vestry of *Meherrin* Parish, in the County of *Brunswick*, to sell the Glebe of the said Parish, and lay out the Money in purchasing a more convenient Glebe, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Question put thereupon, was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingrossed.

Mr *Bland* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for adding Part of the County of *Nansemond* to the County of *Isle of Wight*; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to explain and amend the Act, intituled, *An Act to confirm the Charter of the Borough of Norfolk, and for enlarging the Jurisdiction of the Court of Hustings, in the City of Williamsburg*; and that Mr *Banister* and Mr *Edmund Pendleton* do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr *Bland* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to oblige the Justices of *Southampton* County to build a Bridge over *Nottoway* River; and the same was received and read the first Time.

120 And the Question being put that the Bill be read a second Time;

It passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*





*Resolved*, That the Bill be rejected.

A *Message* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act<sup>1</sup> for continuing certain Acts of Assembly imposing Duties on Slaves, *without any Amendment*: And also,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act<sup>2</sup> for further continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, *without any Amendment*: And also,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act<sup>3</sup> to continue an Act, intituled An Act for establishing Pilots, and regulating their Fees, *without any Amendment*: And also,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act<sup>4</sup> to repeal an Act of the General Assembly, exempting the Inhabitants of *Mecklenburg* County from the Payment of Ferriage, on certain Days, *without any Amendment*: And also,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act<sup>5</sup> to empower the Vestry of *St. Mark's* Parish in the County of *Culpeper*, to sell the Glebe of the said Parish, and lay out the Money in purchasing a more convenient Glebe, *without any Amendment*: And also,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act<sup>6</sup> to amend an Act, intituled, An Act for establishing a Town near *Warwick*, in the County of *Henrico*, *without any Amendment*.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

An ingrossed *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *David Meade* and *Sarah* his Wife are seized, and for settling other Lands therein mentioned, to the same Uses, was read the third Time.

And the Question being put, that the Bill do pass;

It passed in the Negative.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be rejected.

A *Bill* to amend an Act, intituled, An Act<sup>7</sup> for inspecting *Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine*, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Trade.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Coles*, Mr *Joseph Cabell*, and Mr *Edmunds*, be added to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Coles* be added to the Committee of Public Claims.

A *Bill* to prevent Masters or Skippers of Vessels from selling spirituous Liquors, except to their own Crews, in small Quantities, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

A *Bill* for laying an additional Duty upon Slaves imported into this Colony, was read a second Time.

The Amendment following was proposed to be made to the Bill, *viz.*

Line 28, to leave out, 'and that this Act shall continue and be in Force for and during the Term of [not stated] and no longer, and insert 'And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Execution of this Act shall be suspended until his Majesty's Approbation, thereof shall be obtained; and that from and after obtaining the same, this Act shall continue and be in Force for and during the Term of seven Years, and no longer.'

And the said Amendment was twice read, and upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingrossed.

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<sup>1</sup> *Hening*, VIII, p. 336.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 338.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 353.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 392.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 410.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 411.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, VII, p. 570.



The *Order* of the Day being read for receiving the Report from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Address and Memorial to be presented to his Excellency were committed;

*Ordered*, That the said Report be received To-morrow.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for Relief of Insolvent Debtors*;

*Resolved*, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Consideration several Petitions to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Resolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of *Harmon Miller*, praying that a Ferry may be established from his Land, on the South Side of *Dan River*, in *Halifax County*, across the said River, to the Land of *James Legrand*, on the opposite Side, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitions of divers Inhabitants of *Halifax* and *Charlotte Counties*, praying that a Ferry may be established at a Place called *Owen's*, on the Land of *Williams Sims*, on *Staunton River*, in the said County of *Halifax*, across the said River, to the Land of *John Randolph*, in the said County of *Charlotte*, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Matthew Davenport*, Clerk of the Hustings of *Williamsburg*, praying that his Fees may be made distrainable by Law, in the same Manner the Fees of County Court Clerks are distrainable, is reasonable.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill pursuant to the fourth Resolution of the said Committee, which was agreed to by the House upon *Monday*, the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of *November* last, that they have Power to receive a Clause or Clauses pursuant to the first and second Resolutions of the said Committee, which have been this Day agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in pursuant to the *third* Resolution of the said Committee, and which hath been this Day agreed to by the House; and that the said Committee do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr *Thomas Walker* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee having, according to the Order of the House, inspected the Report of the Committee of Claims last Session, and also read, considered, and regulated the Claims presented to this Session of Assembly, had entered such of the said Claims as were allowed in a Book; and had directed him to report the same to the House; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Book in at the Clerk's Table.

122 *Ordered*, That the Book of Public Claims do lie upon the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

The *Order* of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill to explain and amend one Act of Assembly, made in the fourth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act for regulating the Election of Burgeesses, for settling their Privileges, and for ascertaining their Allowances*; and also one other Act, made in the tenth Year of the Reign of King *George II.* intituled, *An Act to declare who shall have the Right to vote in the Election of Burgeesses to serve in the General Assembly for Counties, and for preventing fraudulent Conveyances in order to multiply Votes at such Elections.*

*Resolved*, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

*Ordered*, That the Call of the House be adjourned till To-morrow.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

Friday





Friday, the 8th of December, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

A *Petition* of several Persons, of the County of *Cumberland*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioners bear a proportionable Part of the Expence of the Bridge, called the *Genitoe* Bridge, over *Appomattox* River, to the County of *Amelia*, and more than two thirds of the Expence of two other Bridges, over the same River, to the County of *Prince Edward*, although the said Bridges are of little or no Use to the petitioners, who are besides alone burthened with the Charges of several Bridges over *Willis's* River; and therefore praying to be relieved.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr *Bland* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for encouraging the making of Hemp; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr *Bland* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to continue and amend an Act, intituled, *An Act for reducing the several Acts for laying a Duty upon Liquors into one Act*; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

A *Petition* of several Freeholders, Merchants, and others, of the County of *Westmoreland*, and the adjacent Counties, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Re-establishment of an Inspection of Tobacco at *Stratford* Landing where the Warehouses have been lately entirely destroyed, will be useless, as well as expensive to the Public, and detrimental to the trading Interests; and therefore praying that the said Inspection may be discontinued.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* do lie upon the Table.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to empower the Executors of the Will of *Charles Carter*, Esq; to sell Part of his Lands for the Payment of his Debts and Legacies, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the House, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be ingrossed.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for clearing and making navigable the River *Potowmack*, from the Great Falls of the said River, up to Fort *Cumberland*: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

A Message from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

*The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to regulate the Practice of suing out and prosecuting Writs of Replevin in Cases of Distress for Rents, with some Amendments; to which Amendments the Council desire the Concurrence of this House.*

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Richard Baker* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House till Thursday next.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Benjamin Baker* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House till To-Morrow Sevenight.

The Order of the Day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Address and Memorial to be presented to his Excellency, were committed;

*Ordered*





*Ordered*, That the said Report be received upon *Tuesday* next.

*Ordered*, That the Call of the House be adjourned till *Tuesday* next.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Amendments made by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to regulate the Practice of suing out and prosecuting Writs of Replevin in Cases of Distress for Rents.*

And the said Amendments were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

Line 13, After 'sue' insert 'to be recovered in the same Manner as Judgments are by Law recovered on executing a Writ of *Fieri Facias*, where the Clerk is directed to indorse on the Back of the Writ, no Security to be taken.'

Line 28, After '*Facias*' insert 'Provided always, that the Execution of this Act shall be, and the same is hereby suspended, until his Majesty's Approbation thereof shall be obtained.'

The said Amendments being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them, that this House hath agreed to the Amendments made by them.

A Message from the Governor, by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

124 I am commanded by his Excellency the Governor to deliver to this House, in Answer to their Address of Yesterday, the following Message, *viz.*

'That the Faith of Government is not engaged to confirm any orders of Council, the Terms of which Orders have not been complied with, unless in those Instances in which it shall appear that the Persons concerned have been interrupted by unavoidable Necessity.

'The House of Burgeesses may depend upon the Lord Botetourt's representing against Monopolies in the strongest manner possible; and that he will forever discourage that pernicious Practice by all Means in his Power.'

Mr *Carrington* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to amend an Act intituled, *An Act against stealing Hogs*: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that they had, according to Order, considered of the ancient Rules and standing Orders of the House, with others, which they think ought to be observed, and had directed him to report the same to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the same was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

*Ordered*, That no Member absent himself from the Service of the House, unless he have Leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

*Ordered*, That whenever the House is to attend the Governor in the Council Chamber, the several Passages be cleared of Strangers, so that the Members may freely pass; and that no Member shall go into, or come out of, the Council-Chamber, before the Speaker.

*Ordered*, That no Member chew Tobacco in the House, while the Speaker is in the Chair, or in a Committee of the whole House.

*Ordered*, That when any Member is about to speak in Debate, or deliver any Matter to the House, he shall rise from his Seat, and without advancing from thence, shall, with due Respect, address to Mr *Speaker*, confining himself strictly to the Point in Debate, and avoiding all indecent and disrespectful Language.

*Ordered*, That no Member speak more than twice, in the same Debate, without Leave.

*Resolved*, That a Question being once determined, must stand as the Judgment of the House, and cannot again be drawn into Debate, during the same Session.

*Ordered*, That while the Speaker is putting any Question, none shall entertain private Discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the House, or read any printed Book.

*Ordered*





*Ordered*, That no Member shall vote on any Question, in the Event of which he is immediately interested; nor in any other Case, where he was not present when the Question was put by the Speaker, or by the Chairman in any Committee.

*Resolved*, That every Member who shall be in the House when any Question is put, shall, on a Division, be counted on the one Side or the other.

*Ordered*, That each Day, before the House proceeded on any other Business, the Clerk do read the Orders for taking any Matters into Consideration that Day.

*Ordered*, That all Bills be read and dispatched in Priority and Order of Time, as they were brought in, unless the House shall direct otherwise in particular Cases.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House suffer not any Records or Papers to be taken from the Table, or out of his Custody, by any Member, or other Person.

*Resolved*, That besides the Speaker, Fifteen Members be a sufficient Number to adjourn, Thirty to call the House, and send for the absent Members, and make any Orders for their Censure or Discharge, and Fifty to proceed to other Business.

*Ordered*, That when the House is to rise, every Member keep his Seat till the Speaker go out, and then every one to follow in Order, as he fits.

*Ordered*, That the Journals of the House be daily drawn up by the Clerk, and after being examined by the Speaker, be printed without Delay.

*Resolved*, That Eleven of the Committees for Religion, Privileges and Elections, Propositions and Grievances, and Five of any other Committee, be a sufficient Number to proceed on Business.

*Ordered*, That no Committee sit to do Business during the Time of Divine Service.

*Resolved*, That if any Person hath procured himself to be elected or returned as a Member of the House, or endeavored so to be, by Bribery, or other corrupt Practices, this House will proceed with the utmost Severity against such Person.

*Resolved*, That no Petition for controverting the Election of any Member returned to serve as a Burgess in any future Assembly, be received by this House, unless the same is presented within Fourteen Days from the Time the Member intended to be petitioned against, takes his Seat in the House. 125

*Resolved*, That if any Person having a Right to vote for Two Members to serve in the General Assembly, shall give a single Vote, such Person hath no Right to give his second Vote during such Election.

*Resolved*, That where the House shall adjudge any Petition touching Elections, to be frivolous and vexatious, the House will order Satisfaction to be made to the Person petitioned against.

*Resolved*, That any Member may waive his Privilege in any Matter of a private Nature, without the Leave of the House; and, having so done, he shall not, in that Instance, resume the same.

*Resolved*, That any Person shall be at Liberty to sue out an original Writ, or Subpoena in Chancery, in order to prevent a Bar by the Statute of Limitations, or to file any Bill in Equity, to examine Witnesses thereupon, for the sole Purpose of preserving their Testimony against any Member of this House, notwithstanding his Privilege; provided that the Clerk, after having made out and signed such original Writ, shall not deliver the same to the Party, or to any other, during the Continuance of that Privilege.

*Resolved*, That every Person summoned to attend this House, or any Committee thereof, as a Witness in any Matter, depending before them, be privileged from Arrest, during his coming to, attending on, or going from the House or Committee; and that no such Witness shall be obliged to attend, until the Party at whose request he shall be summoned, do pay, or secure to him, for his Attendance and Travelling, the same Allowance which is made to Witnesses attending the General Court.

*Resolved*, That if any person shall tamper with any Witnesses in respect to their Evidence, to be given to this House, or any Committee thereof, or directly, or indirectly, endeavor to deter or hinder any Person from appearing or giving Evidence, the same is declared to be a high Crime and Misdemeanor, and this House will proceed with the utmost Severity against such Offenders.

*Ordered*





*Ordered*, That no Person be taken into Custody of the Serjeant at Arms, or any Complaint of a Breach or Privilege, until the Matter of such Complaint shall have been examined by the Committee of Privileges, and reported to the House.

*Ordered*, That the Serjeant's Fees be as followeth: *to wit*, For taking any Person into Custody, Thirteen Shillings: For every Day he shall be detained in Custody; Thirteen Shillings: For sending a Messenger to take any Person into Custody by a Warrant from the Speaker, Sixpence *per* Mile for going, and the same for returning, besides Ferriages.

*Ordered*, That the said Orders and Resolutions be standing Orders of the House.

A Message from the Council, by Mr Walthoe.

Mr Speaker,

The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof David Garland is seized in Fee Tail, and for vesting the Title in Francis Eppes, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, and for settling the Value thereof in Slaves to the same Uses, with an Amendment; to which Amendment the Council desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*, That Mr Bridger have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House till Thursday next.

Mr Bland reported, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Consideration several Petitions, to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Resolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of Richard Corbin, Esq; praying that so much of the Act passed in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King George II. for the Regulation and Settlement of Ferries, and Dispatch of public Expresses, as relates to the Appointment of a Ferry across Rappahannock River from Hackley's Landing to the Land of the said Richard Corbin, may be repealed, is reasonable.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of Job Pearfall, praying a Satisfaction for the Damages done to his Land by the Troops garrisoned thereon in the late War, is reasonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, as a Compensation for the same.

The first Resolution of the Committee being read a second Time;

*Resolved*, That the said Resolution be re-committed to the said Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

The subsequent Resolution of the said Committee being read a second Time, was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Resolution do lie upon the Table.

The Order of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill to explain and amend one Act of Assembly, made in the fourth Year of the Reign of Queen Anne, intituled, An Act for regulating the Election of Burgesses, for settling their Privileges, and for ascertaining their Allowances; and also one other Act made in the tenth Year of the Reign of King George II. intituled, An Act to declare who shall have the Right to vote in the Election of Burgesses, to serve in the General Assembly for Counties; and for preventing fraudulent Conveyances, in Order to multiply Votes at such Elections:

*Resolved*, That this House will, Tomorrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr Thomas Walker reported, from the Committee of Public Claims to whom the Petition of Abraham Kuykendall, was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the said Petition, and had directed him to report the same, as it appeared to them

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 442.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, III, p. 236.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, IV, p. 475.





them, to the House, together with the Resolution of the Committee thereupon; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the same was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

It appears to your Committee, that the Petitioner being willing to assist in protecting the Frontiers of this Colony against the Incursions of the *Indians*, voluntarily joined a Party of Militia which was ordered out for that Purpose, and in an Engagement with the said *Indians*, was unfortunately wounded, as set forth in the said Petition.

Whereupon the Committee came to the following Resolution, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said Petition is reasonable and that the Petitioner ought to be allowed the Sum of Fifty Pounds to reimburse him the Expence he was at to Surgeons, in perfecting his Cure.

The said *Resolution* being read a second Time, was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Report do lie upon the Table.

Mr *Thomas Walker* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their further Consideration the Petition of *John Bailey*, Guardian of *Jeremiah Garland Bailey*, an Infant, to them recommitted, and had come to a Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Resolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Allegations of the said Petition are true; and that the Petitioner ought to be allowed the Sum of Fifty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings and Sixpence Halfpenny, being the Balance due upon a State of the Accounts produced, for an Acre of Land, building the Houses, and furnishing Timber, Nails, and Hinges; but that no Allowance ought to be made for Interest and Costs of Suit, amounting to Twenty-three Pounds Two Shillings and Ten Pence Halfpenny, and Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-eight Pounds of Tobacco, it appearing that he did not comply with his Contract. 127

The said *Resolutions* being read a second Time.

The *Amendment* following was proposed to be made thereunto, *viz.*

To leave out 'Fifty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings and Sixpence Halfpenny, being the Balance due upon a State of the Accounts produced, for an Acre of Land, building the Houses, and furnishing Timber, Nails, and Hinges; but that no Allowance ought to be made for the Interest and Costs of Suit, amounting to Twenty-three Pounds Two Shillings and Ten Pence Halfpenny, and Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-eight Pounds of Tobacco, it appearing that he did not comply with his Contract;' and insert 'Eighty Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Five Pence, and Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-eight Pounds of Tobacco,' instead thereof.

And the Question being put, that the Words, 'Fifty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings and Sixpence Halfpenny, being the Balance due upon a State of the Accounts produced, for an Acre of Land, building the Houses, and furnishing Timber, Nails, and Hinges; but that no Allowance ought to be made for Interest and Costs of Suit, amounting to Twenty-three Pounds Two Shillings and Ten Pence Halfpenny, and 3978 lbs. of Tobacco, it appearing that he did not comply with his Contract,' stand Part of the said Resolution;

It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, that the Words, 'Eighty Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Five Pence, and 3978 lbs. of Tobacco,' be inserted instead thereof;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

*Resolved*, That the House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution so amended, that the Allegations of the said Petition are true; and that the Petitioner ought to be allowed the Sum of Eighty Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Five Pence, and 3978 lbs. of Tobacco.

*Ordered*, That the said Resolution do lie upon the Table.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to vest certain Lands whereof *John Robinson*, Esquire, died seized, in Trust for *Philip Johnson*, Gentleman





Gentleman, and his Children, in Trustees, for the Purposes therein mentioned: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

A *Petition* of the Minister and Vestry of the Parish of *Ware*, in the County of *Gloucester*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that *Zachary Crips*, late of the said County, by his last Will and Testament, gave Three Hundred Acres of Land to the said Parish, for a Glebe; and that the said Parish having another Glebe, which is  
128 better and more convenient, it will be greatly for the Advantage of the Minister to sell the said Land so divided, and lay out the Money arising from the Sale in purchasing Slaves to be settled on the said other Glebe; and therefore praying that an Act may pass for that Purpose.

*Ordered*, That the said *Petition* be referred to the Committee for religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for Relief of Insolvent Debtors*.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had made some Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed by the Committee to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the said Bill.

A *Petition* of *John Page*, Esquire, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioner is seized in Fee-Tail, under the Will of his Grandfather, *Robert Carter*, Esquire, of Two Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Acres of Land, in the Parish of *Drysdale*, in the County of *Caroline*, with several Slaves annexed thereto; and is seized in Fee-Simple of several small Tracts, containing in the Whole One Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy-four Acres, adjoining to his other intailed Lands, in the County of *Gloucester*; and that it will be for the Advantage of his Family to dock the Intail of the said Land and Slaves, in the County of *Caroline*, and to settle the said Fee Simple Lands, in the County of *Gloucester*, in Lieu thereof; and therefore praying that an Act may pass for that Purpose.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer of the said *Petition*: And that Mr *Edmund Pendleton* and Mr *Charles Carter*, of *Lancaster*, do prepare and bring in the same.

*And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Eleven of the Clock.*

## Saturday, the 9th of December, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

MR *Bland* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill for reimbursing the Inhabitants of *King William* and *Hanover* Counties the Expence of clearing *Pamunkey River*, was committed, that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the House, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be ingrossed.

129 Mr *Bland* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to continue and amend an Act, intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*





*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill to vest certain intailed Lands therein mentioned in *Charles Carter*, and for settling other Lands to the same Uses, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a second Time, one by one; and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, were agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, assuring his Lordship, that this House is impressed with a most grateful Sense of his Excellency's generous and kind Assurances of Friendship for *America* in general, and this Colony in particular; that, thus encouraged, the House with his Excellency would be pleased to use his good Offices with our most gracious Sovereign, for an Application to Parliament, that this and the other Colonies may be indulged with the same free Importation of Salt from *Europe* that is now extended to the Colonies North of *Maryland*, *Nova-Scotia* excepted; the Use of such Salt being rendered, by the Heat of this Climate, indispensably necessary, as well for preserving Meat in the hot Months, as for curing Fish, with which our numerous Rivers do greatly abound. This reasonable Indulgence being disallowed, his Majesty's faithful Subjects, in the Southern Provinces, are unhappily deprived, in great Measure, of Advantages which Nature has furnished, and are prevented from prosecuting a useful and advantageous Branch of Commerce.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to his Excellency by Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, and Mr *Eyre*.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Robert Wormeley Carter* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House, for the Remainder of this Session.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for Relief of Insolvent Debtors*.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then, a second Time, one by one; and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, were, with several Amendments to one of them, agreed to by the House.

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*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Banister* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House, till *Friday* next.

The other Order of the Day being read;

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill to explain and amend one Act of Assembly, made in the fourth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act for regulating the Election of Burgeffes, for settling their Privileges, and for ascertaining their Allowances*; and also one other Act made in the tenth Year of the Reign of King *George II.* intituled, *An Act to declare who shall have a Right to vote in the Election of Burgeffes, to serve in the General Assembly for Counties; and for preventing fraudulent Conveyances, in order to multiply Votes at such Elections*.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr





Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had made a Progress in the Bill; and that the Committee had directed him to move, that they may have Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will, upon *Monday* next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the said Bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Ball* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House, for the Remainder of this Session.

*Resolved*, That this House will, upon *Tuesday* next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the present State of the Colony.

*And then the house adjourned till Monday Morning next, Eleven of the Clock.*

## Monday, the 11th of December, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

**A**NOTHER Member, returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by the Act of Parliament, and repeated and subscribed the Test, took his Place in the House.

Mr *Thomas Walker* reported from the Committee of Public Claims, to whom the Petition of *Thomas Godwyne* and *Boswell Godwyne*, Inspectors of Tobacco at *Bollingbrook* Warehouses, in the County of *Dinwiddie*, was referred, that the Committee had examined the Matter of the said Petition, and had come to a Resolution, which they had directed him to Report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Resolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

<sup>181</sup> *Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said Petition be rejected; it appearing that the said Warehouses were not secured according to Law.

The said *Resolution* being read a second Time;

*Ordered*, That the said Resolution be re-committed to the said Committee of Public Claims.

Mr *Mercer* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to oblige the Owners of Mills, Hedges, or Stops on the Rivers therein mentioned, to make Openings or Slopes therein for the Passage of Fish, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then, a second Time, one by one; and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, were agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom the Resolution of the said Committee upon the Petition of *Richard Corbin*, Esquire, was re-committed, that the Committee had further examined the said Petition, and had come to a Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Resolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of *Richard Corbin*, Esquire, praying, that so much of the Act of Assembly passed in the Twenty-second Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King *George II.* for Settlement and Regulation of Ferries, and Dispatch of Public Expresses, as relates to the Establishment of *Hackley's Ferry*, across *Rappahannock River*, to the Land of *Richard Corbin*, may be repealed, is reasonable.

The said *Resolution* being read a second Time, was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*



*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill pursuant to the fourth Resolution of the said Committee, which was agreed to by the House upon *Monday* the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of *November* last, that they have Power to receive a Clause or Clauses pursuant to the said Resolution of the said Committee, which hath been this Day agreed to by the House.

A Message from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

'*The Council have agreed to the Treasurer's Accounts.*'

And he presented the said Accounts at the Bar.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Treasurer's Accounts to his Excellency the Governor, and desire his Assent thereto.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Book of Public Claims.

And the said Book was partly read.

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration of the said Book be adjourned till To-morrow.

Mr *Speaker* acquainted the House, that he had received from his Excellency the Governor an Act of Parliament, made in the ninth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for further encouraging the Growth and Culture of raw Silk in his Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in America*, and also an Extract of a Letter to his Excellency from the Earl of *Hillsborough*, upon the Subject Matter of the said Act, and Mr *Speaker* delivered the said Act, and Extract, in at the Clerk's Table. 132

*Ordered*, That the said Act and Extract do lie upon the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

The Order of the Day being read;

*Resolved*, That this House will, upon *Friday*, the first Day of *June* next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill to explain and amend one Act of Assembly made in the fourth Year of the Reign of Queen *Anne*, intituled, *An Act for regulating the Election of Burgeesses, for settling their Privileges, and for ascertaining their Allowances*; and also one other Act made in the tenth Year of the Reign of King *George II.* intituled, *An Act to declare who shall have a Right to vote in the Election of Burgeesses to serve in the General Assembly for Counties, and for preventing fraudulent Conveyances in order to multiply Votes at such Elections.*

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Eleven of the Clock.

## Tuesday, the 12th of December, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

A Petition of several Persons, of the County of *Augusta*, inhabiting that Part of the South Western Frontier, known by the Name of *Holston* and *New River*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that they are very remote from the Court-House of the said County, whereby they suffer many Inconveniences; and therefore praying that the Settlements on the Waters of *Holston* and *New River*, may be made a distinct County.

*Ordered*, That the Consideration of the said petition be deferred till the next Session of Assembly.

A Petition of *Charles Tomkies* was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that in *January*, 1768, *Sey*, a Negro Man Slave of the Petitioner, having been committed to the Gaol of *Gloucester* County, for Felony, during his Confinement, and before he could be tried, was so frost-bitten, that he was rendered unprofitable; and therefore praying the House to make him a reasonable Satisfaction.

*Ordered*

<sup>1</sup> Great Britain—Statutes at Large, VII. p. 44.

<sup>2</sup> Hening, III, p. 236.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, IV, p. 475.





*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Public Claims; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

133 A *Petition* of *William Sealy Lane*, Serjeant of the Court of Hustings, of the City of *Williamsburg*, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the Petitioner is restrained from charging more than Ten Shillings *per* Hundred for his Tobacco Fees, and that his said Fees are not distrainable; and therefore praying that the Rates of his Fees may be increased, and that they may be distrainable in the same manner as Sheriffs Fees are.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill pursuant to the third Resolution of the said Committee, which upon *Thursday* last was agreed to by the House, that they do make Provision in the said Bill for increasing the Rates of the Fees of the Serjeant of the City of *Williamsburg*, and making the same distrainable.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill for altering the Court Day of *Middlesex* County was committed, that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the House, without any Amendment; and he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be ingrossed.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill for paying Officers Fees, due from the Inhabitants of other Counties, for Services done in the County of *Loudoun*, was re-committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House: And he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Question put thereupon, was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingrossed.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* reported to the House, that their Address of *Saturday* last to his Excellency the Governor, that his Excellency would be pleased to use his good Offices with our most gracious Sovereign, for an Application to Parliament, that this and the other Colonies may be indulged with the same free Importation of Salt from *Europe*, that is now extended to the Colonies North of *Maryland*, *Nova Scotia* excepted, had been presented to his Excellency; and that his Excellency had directed him to acquaint this House, that he will take the earliest Opportunity of transmitting to his Majesty the Address of this House, and will use his Interest to Accomplish the Wishes of the House; and that on this, as on every other Occasion, his Lordship shall esteem himself happy in having it in his Power to be serviceable to this Country.

The House resumed the further Consideration of the Report, which was made from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill for establishing Quarterly Courts, instead of Monthly Courts, in certain Counties, was committed;

And the *Amendments*, which were, upon *Friday* the First Day of this Instant *December*, postponed, were again severally read; and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, were, with Amendments to several of them, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

A *Petition* of several Merchants, Planters, and others, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House, and read; setting forth the inconvenient Situation, and ruinous Condition of the Warehouses at *Cabbin Point*, on *Chipoake's* Creek; and therefore praying that a Tobacco Inspection may be established at *Low Point*, on the said Creek.

134 *Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie upon the Table.

Mr *Rutherford* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to repeal an Act for increasing the Salary of the Minister of the Parish of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick*: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

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Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom it was referred to consider of a proper Satisfaction to be made to the Committee, who collected the Acts of Assembly for the Preſs, and to the Clerk they employed in that Service, that the Committee had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, viz.

*Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that *Peyton Randolph*, *John Randolph*, *Robert Carter Nicholas*, and *George Wythe*, Eſquires, be allowed for their Trouble, in collating a Copy of the Laws for the Preſs, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds reſpectively.

*Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds ought to be allowed to Mr *Richard Starke*, for his Services in attending the ſaid Committee, as a Clerk, and for forming a Table to the Laws.

The *fiſt* Reſolution of the Committee being read a ſecond Time, was, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

The ſubſequent *Reſolution* of the Committee being read a ſecond Time;

An *Amendment* was propoſed to be made thereunto, by leaving out the Words '*and fifty*.'

And the Queſtion being put that the Words '*and fifty*' ſtand Part of the Reſolution; It paſſed in the Negative.

*Reſolved*, That the Houſe doth agree with the Committee in the ſaid Reſolution, ſo amended, that the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds ought to be allowed to Mr *Richard Starke*, for his Services in attending the ſaid Committee, as a Clerk, and for forming a Table to the Laws.

A *Petition* of ſeveral Perſons of the County of *Accomack*, whoſe Names are thereunto ſubſcribed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth the inconvenient Situation of *Guilford* Warehouse, in the ſaid County; and therefore praying that the Inſpection may be removed from thence, and placed on *Hunting Creek*, at *Finley's Point*, or on the Land of *Elijah Grenolds*.

*Ordered*, That the ſaid *Petition* do lie upon the Table.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for giving a Bounty on Woollen, Cotton, and Linen Cloths, made in this Colony; and that Mr *Mercer* and Mr *Riddick* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Archibald Cary* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Friday* next.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom the Bill to prevent Maſters or Skippers of Veſſels from ſelling ſpirituſous Liquors, except to their own Crews, in ſmall Quantities, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Queſtion put thereupon, agreed to by the Houſe.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed *Bill* to veſt certain intailed Lands therein mentioned in *Charles Carter*, and for ſettling other Lands to the ſame Uſes, was read the third Time.

*Reſolved*, That the Bill do paſs; and that the Title be, *An Act to veſt certain intailed Lands therein mentioned in Charles Carter, and for ſettling other Lands to the ſame Uſes*.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and deſire their Concurrence.

A *Petition* of *Daniel M'Carty* was preſented to the Houſe, and read; ſetting forth, that the Petitioner is ſeized in Fee Tail under the Will of *Daniel M'Carty*, his Grandfather, of 2,000 Acres of Land in the Pariſh of *Truro*, and County of *Fairfax*, and is ſeized in Fee Simple of 1000 Acres of Land, in the County of *Fauquier*, purchaſed of *Richard*

*Chicheſter*



*Chichester*, and *Sarah* his Wife, and that it will be to the Advantage of the Petitioner, and those claiming in Remainder, if the Intail of the said 2000 Acres of Land in *Fairfax* was docked, and the said 1000 Acres of Land in *Fauquier*, with nine valuable Slaves, settled in Lieu thereof; and therefore praying that an Act may pass for that Purpose.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition; and that Mr *Washington* and Mr *Richard Lee* do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr *Treasurer* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to empower the Vestry of *Dettingen* Parish, in the County of *Prince William*, to sell the Glebe of the said Parish, and lay out the Money in purchasing a more convenient Glebe; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

The House, according to Order, resumed the further Consideration of the Book of Public Claims.

And the Residue of the said Book was read.

And several *Claims* were added to the Book by the House.

*Resolved*, That the Book of Public Claims do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Thomas Walker* do carry the Book of Public Claims to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for receiving the Report from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Address and Memorial to be presented to the Governor were committed;

*Ordered*, That the said Report be received To-morrow.

Mr *Braxton* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to empower certain Trustees to lease the Lands of the *Pamunkey Indians*, and for other Purposes therein mentioned; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

186 *Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

The *Order* of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the present State of the Colony;

*Resolved*, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Peter Pelham* be discharged from the Service of this House, as Organist.

An ingrossed *Bill* to empower the Executors of the Will of *Charles Carter*, Esq; to sell Part of his Lands for the Payment of his Debts and Legacies, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act to empower the Executors of the Will of Charles Carter, Esquire, to sell Part of his Lands, for the Payment of his Debts and Legacies.*

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

*Ordered*, That the Call of the House be further adjourned till To-morrow.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Ease and Relief of the People, by paying the Burgesses Wages in Money for the last Convention and present Session of Assembly; and that Mr *Henry Lee* do prepare and bring in the same.

The House was moved, that the Order made upon the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of *November* last, that a Bill or Bills be brought in upon the fifth and sixth Resolutions of the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, which were upon that Day agreed to by the House, and that the said Committee do prepare and bring in the same, might be read.

And the same being read accordingly;

*Ordered*, That the said Order, as to so much thereof as relates to the preparing and bringing in a Bill upon the said sixth Resolution, be discharged.

A *Bill* for adding Part of the County of *Nansemond* to the County of *Isle of Wight*, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Treasurer* and Mr *Edmund Pendleton*.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee, that they have Power to receive a Clause or Clauses, for ascertaining so much of the Boundary between the County of *James City* and the County of *York*, as runs through the City of *Williamsburg*.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Eleven of the Clock.

Wednesday





Wednesday, the 13th of December. 10 Geo. III. 1769.

**A** BILL for clearing and making navigable the River *Potowmack*, from the Great Falls of the said River, up to Fort *Cumberland*, was read a second Time. Resolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, Mr *Washington*, and all the Members who serve for the Counties of *Frederick* and *Hampshire*.

Mr *Bland*, according to Order, reported from the Committee of the whole House, 137 to whom the Address and Memorial to be presented to his Excellency were committed, the said Address and Memorial, and the Amendment which the Committee had made to the Memorial, and which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Address and Memorial, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said address being again read;

An Amendment was proposed to be made thereunto, by adding at the End thereof, these Words: 'But, if, unfortunately for this Colony, his Majesty hath already taken his ultimate Resolution to confine his Subjects to the Line proposed by your Excellency, we must humbly acquiesce, and will furnish the Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds Sterling, according to the Estimate you have been pleased to communicate to us.'

And the said Amendment was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Address, so amended.

The said Address, so amended, is as followeth, viz.

My Lord,

We his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Burgeesses of Virginia, having, agreeable to our former Assurances, maturely and deliberately considered your Excellency's Speech, beg Leave to renew our unfeigned Thanks for his Majesty's kind Attention to the Interests of this Colony, in so readily approving the Report of the Right Honourable the Board of Trade and Plantation, in Favour of a more extended Boundary to the Westward. We are persuaded that his Majesty's sole Motive for so doing arose from his most gracious Inclination to promote the Security and Happiness of his dutiful Subjects; but permit us, my Lord, with all Humility and Deference to his Royal Wisdom, by an humble Memorial, to express our Apprehensions that his Majesty hath not yet been made properly and fully acquainted with the true Situation of our Frontiers; and suffer us to intreat your Lordship, that you will be pleased to lay before our Royal Sovereign a more perfect State of the Matter, and endeavor to procure for this Colony such farther Indulgencies, in enlarging its boundary, as to his Majesty, in his great Wisdom, may seem just and right. On our Parts, we do assure your Excellency, that we shall, at all Times, be ready and willing cheerfully to comply with every Requisition in our Power, that may tend to promote the Honour and Dignity of his Majesty's Crown, the Extension of his Dominions, and the true Interests of this Colony.

But, if, unfortunately for this Colony, his Majesty hath already taken his ultimate Resolution to confine his Subjects to the Line proposed by your Excellency, we must humbly acquiesce, and will furnish the Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds Sterling, according to the Estimate you have been pleased to communicate to us.

And the said Memorial is as followeth, viz.

To his Excellency the Right Honourable NORBORNE, Baron de BOTETOURT, his Majesty's Lieutenant and Governor General, and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of VIRGINIA and Vice Admiral of the same.

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*The MEMORIAL of the HOUSE of BURGESSES.*

*Humbly Represents,*

*That your Memorialists having paid the earliest Attention to your Lordship's Speech at the Opening of this Session, have taken under their most serious Consideration that very interesting Part of it which relates to the Report of the Right Honourable the Board of Trade and Plantations to his Majesty, respecting the Extension of the Boundary of this Colony to the Westward; and as your Memorialists are extremely solicitous, on all Occasions, to stand fair in the Royal Opinion of their most gracious Sovereign, they humbly presume to lay before your Excellency their Reasons for not immediately complying with his Majesty's Requisition, communicated to them by your Lordship in such very polite and engaging Terms.*

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*Sensible as your Memorialists are of the many signal Advantages which would redound as well to his Majesty as to several of his American Colonies, they should think themselves blind to their Duty and Interest if they did not receive, with all Thankfulness, your Lordship's Information of the Benefits intended to them by his Majesty's gracious Approval of a more extended Boundary, than had been proposed by the Superintendent of Indian Affairs in the Southern Department; but they flatter themselves that a Revision of the Subject, if his Majesty would once more be pleased to condescend to take it under his princely Consideration, would convince his Majesty that his most gracious Purpose cannot be answered by establishing the Line proposed.*

*Your Memorialists beg Leave to observe that the said Line, if extended from the Intersection of Holston's River, the Point, which would terminate the Line dividing this Colony from North Carolina to the Mouth of the great Kanhaway, would be near Two Hundred Miles in Length, and must pass through a Country abounding with high and rugged Mountains, extremely difficult and dangerous of Access, and intersected by many Water Courses; that the present Posture of Indian Affairs would make a strong Guard of armed Men necessary for the Protection of those who might be commissioned to run such a Line, as it must necessarily pass through a Country uninhabited, and through which those Indians, who seem at present most inclined to Hostilities, do frequently take their Routs;*

*That by establishing such Line, a great Part of that most valuable Country, lying on the Ohio, below the Mouth of the great Kanhaway, lately ceded to his Majesty by the Northern Indians, would be separated and divided from the British Territory, on the upper Part of Holston's River, the great Kanhaway, and the Ohio, which your Memorialists humbly conceive must greatly impede, and may totally prevent the Settlement of that fertile and extensive Country, which, from its Situation and many natural Advantages, would open the fairest Prospect of a very beneficial Commerce to our Mother Country, by securing to his Majesty's Subjects a new and extensive Trade with the several Tribes of Western Indians, which has hitherto been almost engrossed by the Subjects of France; and by this Means many Indian Nations, heretofore living at Enmity with our most gracious Sovereign and his Subjects, might be made friendly and useful in extending the Trade and Navigation of Great-Britain.*

*That your Memorialists have the greatest Reason to fear that the said Line, if confirmed, would constantly open to the Indians and others, Enemies to his Majesty, a free and easy Ingress to the Heart of the Country, on the Ohio, Holston's River, and the great Kanhaway, whereby the Settlements, which may be attempted in those Quarters, will, in all Probability, be utterly destroyed, and that great Extent of Country, from the Mouth of the Kanhaway to the Mouth of the Cherokee River, extending Eastward as far as the Laurel Hills, so very lately ceded to his Majesty, and to which no Tribe of Indians, at present, sets up any Pretensions, will be entirely abandoned to the Cherokees; in Consequence of which Claims totally destructive of the true Interests of his Majesty, may, at some future Time arise, and Acquisitions justly ranked amongst the most valuable of the late War, be altogether lost.*

*Your Memorialists further beg Leave to represent to your Lordship, that Lands, which have been granted by Patents regularly obtained, according to the known and fixed Rules of this Government, if the said Line were to take Place, would be entirely dismembered from*  
*this*





*this Colony, allotted to the Indians, and entirely lost to the Proprietors, who were authorized by Law, and encouraged by the Royal Instruction of his late Majesty to his Governor, to explore and settle this new Country at the Risque of their Lives, and at a great Expence.*

*Your Memorialists, from these weighty Considerations, have been induced to extend their Views, and do humbly offer, as their Opinion, that a Line beginning at the Western Termination of the North-Carolina Line, and running thence in a due West Direction to the River Ohio, may be accomplished at a much less Expence than the other Line proposed; that the Extension of such a Line is necessary for the Safety and Advantage of his Majesty's Subjects, and that it would tend greatly to the Increase of his Majesty's Revenue, and to the Promotion of the Trade and Navigation of the Western Part of this Dominion, if a Purchase were made of the Cherokee Indians of all their Lands, which such due Western Line would include; especially if his Majesty would be graciously pleased, in his Royal Wisdom, to discourage all Monopolies of those Lands, and strengthen our Barrier, by granting them, in small or Moderate quantities, to such Adventurers as might incline to seat and settle the same.*

*Your Memorialists, for the better Illustration of the foregoing Observations, beg Leave to lay before your Excellency as exact and perfect a Plan of that Part of the Country as they at present are able to procure, and humbly submit the whole Matter to your Excellency's Judgment.*

*From such Representation, as your Excellency may think fit to make, we presume to flatter ourselves that his Majesty will be graciously pleased to order a Suspension of any other Line that may affect the very numerous Settlements on his Subjects to the Eastward of that now proposed, till the Matter is reconsidered, and fully and clearly understood.*

*Resolved, That the said Address and Memorial be presented to his Excellency, by the whole House.*

*Ordered, That Mr Bland, Mr Treasurer, Mr Edmund Pendleton, and Mr Henry, do wait upon the Governor to know his Excellency's Pleasure, and when he will be attended by this House.*

*A Message from the Council, by Mr Walthoe.*

*Mr Speaker,*

*The Council have agreed to the Book of Public Claims.*

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*And then the Messenger withdrew.*

*Ordered, That Mr Thomas Walker do carry the Book of Claims to the Governor, and desire his Excellency's Assent thereto.*

*Mr Washington presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Daniel M'Carty is seized, and for settling other Lands and Slaves to the same Uses; and the same was received, and read the first Time.*

*Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.*

*The Order of the Day being read for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the present State of the Colony;*

*Resolved, That this House will, To-Morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.*

*The other Order of the Day being read;*

*Ordered, That the Call of the House be further adjourned till To-Morrow.*

*Ordered, That Mr Joseph Cabell have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House for the Remainder of this Session.*

*And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.*

**Thursday**





Thursday, the 14th of December, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

**M**<sup>R</sup> *Harrison* reported, from the Committee of Trade, to whom the Bill to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act for inspecting Pork, Beej, Flour, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingrossed.

An ingrossed *Bill* for establishing Quarterly Courts, instead of Monthly Courts, in certain Counties, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, *An Act for establishing Quarterly Courts, instead of Monthly Courts, in certain Counties*.

*Ordered*, That *Mr Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

*Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to proportion the Public Levy.

And a Committee was appointed of *Mr Thomas Walker, Mr Cocke, Mr Roane, Mr Starke, Mr Adams, Mr Edwards, Mr Bailey, Mr Gray, Mr Stith, Mr Rutherford, and Mr Clayton*.

140 *Mr Bland* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for settling the Fees of the Clerk and Serjeant of the Court of Hustings, for the City of *Williamsburg*: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

The Order of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the present State of the Colony;

*Resolved*, That this House will, upon *Monday* the Twenty-eighth Day of *May* next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

An engrossed *Bill* to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for Relief of insolvent Debtors*, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for Relief of insolvent Debtors*.

*Ordered*, That *Mr Edmund Pendleton* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

The House was moved, that the Order made upon *Friday* last, that the petition of the Minister and vestry of the Parish of *Ware*, in the County of *Gloucester*, be referred to the Committee for Religion; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House, might be read.

And the same being read accordingly;

*Ordered*, That the said Order be discharged.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, pursuant to the Prayer of the said petition: And that *Mr Richard Henry Lee* do prepare and bring in the same.

Sundry *Petitions* of several persons, of the County of *King George*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed; and also,

A *Petition* of several Persons, of the County of *Stafford*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed; and also,

Sundry *Petitions* of several Persons, of the County of *Westmoreland*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed,

Were

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VI. p. 146.

<sup>2</sup> Hening, V, p. 526.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 326.

<sup>2</sup> Not recorded as a law.





Were severally presented to the House, and read; setting forth, that the lower Counties in the *Northern Neck* being very long and narrow, are inconvenient; and therefore praying, that the Boundaries of the Counties of *Northumberland, Lancaster, Richmond, Westmoreland, King George, and Stafford*, may be reformed by dividing Lines extending from *Rappahannock River* to *Potowmack River*; and also,

Sundry *Petitions* of several Persons, of the County of *Richmond*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed; and also,

Sundry *Petitions* of several Persons, of the County of *Westmoreland*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed,

Were severally presented to the House, and read; taking Notice of an Application intended to be made to this House, for new modelling the Counties of *Richmond, Westmoreland, King George* and *Stafford*; setting forth the Difficulties and Expences of executing, and the ill Consequences which will result from the proposed Alteration; and therefore praying that the Boundaries of the said Counties may remain as they are. 141

*Ordered*, That the said *Petitions* be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

A *Bill* for dividing the Parish of *Saint George*, in the County of *Spotsylvania*, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the *Bill* be committed to Mr *Dixon*, Mr *Henry Lee*, and Mr *Mercer*.

A *Bill* to appoint Commissioners to state and settle the Damages done by the late Storm at *Roy's, Crutchfield's, Page's*, and other Warehouses, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the *Bill* be committed to Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Burton*, Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Taliaferro*, Mr *Macon*, and Mr *Henry*.

An ingrossed *Bill* to divide the Parish of *Hamilton*, in the Counties of *Fauquier* and *Prince William*, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the *Bill* do pass: And that the Title be, *An Act to divide the Parish of Hamilton, in the Counties of Fauquier and Prince William*.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Treasurer* do carry the *Bill* to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

*Ordered*, That the *Petition* of several Persons, of the County of *Accomack*, praying that the Inspection at *Guilford Warehouse* may be removed from thence, and placed on *Hunting Creek*, at *Finley's Point*, or on the land of *Elijah Greenolds*, which, upon *Tuesday* last, was ordered to lie upon the Table, be referred to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr *Dixon* reported, from the Committee to whom the *Bill* for dividing the Parish of *Saint George*, in the County of *Spotsylvania*, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the *Bill*, and made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the *Bill*, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a second Time, one by one; and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, were agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the *Bill*, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* reported, from the Committee to whom the *Bill* for clearing and making navigable the River *Potowmack*, from the great Falls of the said River, up to *Fort Cumberland*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the *Bill*, and made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the *Bill*, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a second Time, one by one; and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, were agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the *Bill*, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

*Ordered*



Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for laying a Public Levy: And that Mr *Thomas Walker* do prepare and bring in the same.

142 Mr *Treasurer* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill for adding Part of the County of *Nansemond* to the County of *Isle of Wight*, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendment was twice read; and, upon the Question put thereupon, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingrossed.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to explain and amend the Act, intituled, *An Act to confirm the Charter of the Borough of Norfolk, and for enlarging the Jurisdiction of the Court of Hustings, in the City of Williamsburg*: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands and Slaves, whereof *John Page*, Esq; is seized, and for settling other Lands of greater Value, to the same Uses; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr *Thomas Walker* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for laying a Public Levy: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second Time.

The Bill was accordingly read a second Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be committed.

Resolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill.

The other Order of the Day being read;

Ordered, That the Call of the House be further adjourned till To-morrow.

Mr *Henry Lee* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for the Ease and Relief of the People, by paying the Burgesses in Money for the last Convention, and present Session of Assembly: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to vest Three Hundred Acres of Land, divided by *Zachary Crips* for a Glebe in the Parish of *Ware*, in the County of *Gloucester*, in Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a second Time.

143 A Claim of *Benjamin Powell* for Repairs to the Capitol, was presented to the House, and read.

Ordered, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

A Claim of *Benjamin Powell* for Repairs to the Magazine, was presented to the House and read.

Ordered, That the said Claim be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Public Claims.

Ordered, That Mr *Mitchell* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House for the Remainder of this Session.

Ordered, That Mr *Simpson* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House for the Remainder of this Session.

A Bill to vest certain Lands, whereof *John Robinson*, Esq; died seized, in Trust for *Philip Johnson*, Gentleman, and his Children, in Trustees for the Purposes therein mentioned, was read a second Time.

Resolved





*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Edmund Pendleton*, Mr *Treasurer*, Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, and Mr *Nelson*.

A Bill to dock the Intail of Four Thousand Acres of Land, in the County of *Ile of Wight*, whereof *James Burwell* is seized in Fee Tail, and for vesting the same in Trustees in Fee Simple, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Lewis Burwell*, of *James City*, Mr *Treasurer*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Nelson*, Mr *Riddick*, and Mr *Benjamin Baker*.

And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

## Friday, the 15th of December, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

MR *Bland* reported to the House, that his Excellency having been waited upon, pursuant to the Order of *Wednesday* last, to know his Excellency's Pleasure, when he would be attended by this House, had been pleased to appoint to be attended this Day in the Council Chamber, and to say, he would acquaint the House, by a Messenger of his own, when he was ready to receive their Address and Memorial.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Act, intituled, *An Act to vest certain Lands in Trustees for the Purposes therein mentioned*; and that Mr *Charles Carter* of *King George*, do prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That the Laws of each Session, to be sent to the County Court Clerks, for the Use of the acting Justices of Peace, be Half Bound, for which this House will make Satisfaction to the Public Printer.

A Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Daniel M'Carty* is seized, and for settling other Lands and Slaves to the same Uses, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to all the Members who serve for the Counties of *Westmoreland*, *Fairfax*, *Prince William*, and *Loudoun*.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof David Garland is seized in Fee Tail, and for vesting the Title in Francis Eppes, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, and for settling the Value thereof in Slaves to the same Uses*.

And the said Amendment was read, and is as followeth, *viz*.

Line 42, after '*Lands*,' leave out, 'and from thenceforth the said Slaves shall descend, pass and go, from the said *David Garland*, to such Person or Persons, and under the same Limitations as the said Three Hundred and Seventy-eight Acres of Land would or might have descended, passed and gone, had this Act never been made,' and insert 'Provided nevertheless, that the Slaves so annexed, and their future Increase, shall be liable to be taken in Execution, and sold for satisfying and paying the just Debts of the Tenant in Tail for the Time being, in the same Manner as other intailed Slaves are liable,' instead thereof.

The Amendment following was proposed to be made to the said Amendment, *viz*.

That the Words proposed by the Council to be left out, stand Part of the Bill, before the Clause proposed to be inserted instead thereof.

And the said Amendment to the Amendment was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Then the Question being put, that the House doth agree to the Amendment made by the Council, with the said Amendment thereunto;

The House divided.

The Yeas went forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, Mr *Harrison*,  
Mr *Riddick*, } 33

Tellers for the Noes, Mr *Mercer*,  
Mr *Richard Henry Lee*, } 33

And





And the Members being equal;

Mr *Speaker* declared himself with the *Yeas*.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Carrington* do carry the Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the Amendment made by them, with an Amendment, to which Amendment to the Amendment this House doth desire the Concurrence of the Council.

A Message from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*;

Mr *Speaker*,

*His Excellency is now ready to receive the Address and Memorial of this House in the Council Chamber.*

Accordingly Mr *Speaker*, with the House, went up; and being returned,

Mr *Speaker* reported, that the House had attended the Governor with their Address and Memorial, to which his Excellency was pleased to give this Answer:

Mr *Speaker* and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeffes,

*"I will transmit to the Earl of Hillsborough, by the very first Opportunity, the whole of your Reasoning, in Favour of a more extended Boundary of this Colony to the Westward, than that which was last recommended by the Board of Trade; and will intreat his Lordship to implore his Majesty to indulge his House of Burgeffes in every Wish of their Hearts, which, in his Royal Wisdom, he shall deem consistent with his paternal Regard for all his People."*

145 An ingrossed Bill for reimbursing the Inhabitants of King William and Hanover Counties the Expence of clearing Pamunkey River, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act for reimbursing the Inhabitants of King William and Hanover Counties the Expence of clearing Pamunkey River.*

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

Mr *Terry*, a Member of this House, informed the House, that in the Month of *May* last, he had been accused by Mr *Coles*, a Member of this House, of several Crimes, which Accusation was referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections; and Mr *Terry* desired, that the Matter might be now inquired into, that he may vindicate his Innocence.

*Ordered*, That the said Information be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections; and that they do examine the Matter thereof, and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had had under their further Consideration the Petition of Mr *Willis Riddick*, to them referred, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Benjamin Baker* to serve as a Burgess in this present General Assembly for the County of *Nansemond*, and had come to a Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's Table; where the Resolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Subject Matter of the said Petition be heard before the Committee, on *Friday*, the first Day of *June* next.

The said Resolution being read a second Time, was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof *Daniel M'Carty* is seized, and for settling other Lands and Slaves to the same Uses, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him



him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and, upon the Question put thereupon, was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingrossed.

A Bill for the Ease and Relief of the People, by paying the Burgeffes in Money, for the last Convention, and present Session of Assembly, was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be ingrossed.

A Bill to continue and amend an Act, intituled, *An Act for reducing the several Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors, into one Act*, was read a second Time. 146

*Resolved*, That the Bill be committed to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances.

Mr *Treasurer* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to compel Ships, infected with the Gaol-Fever or Small-Pox, to perform Quarantine; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

The Order of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill for laying a public Levy;

*Resolved*, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The other Order of the Day being read;

*Ordered*, That the Call of the House be further adjourned till To-morrow.

An ingrossed Bill for dividing the Parish of St. George, in the County of Spotsylvania, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act for dividing the Parish of St. George, in the County of Spotsylvania, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Treasurer* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

A Bill to impower the Vestry of *Dettingen* Parish, in the County of *Prince William*, to sell the Glebe of the said Parish, and lay out the Money in purchasing a more convenient Glebe, was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be ingrossed.

A Bill to vest Three Hundred Acres of Land, divided by *Zachary Crips* for a Glebe, in the Parish of *Ware*, in the County of *Gloucester*, in Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be ingrossed.

An ingrossed Bill for adding Part of the County of *Nansemond* to the County of *Isle of Wight*, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act for adding Part of the County of Nansemond to the County of Isle of Wight, and for ascertaining Part of the Boundary between the Counties of James City and York*.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Starke* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House till Thursday next.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.

## Saturday. the 16th of December. 10 Geo. III. 1769.

**O**RDERED, That Mr *Cabell* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House till this Day Sevenight.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, to whom the Bill to continue and amend an Act, intituled, *An Act for reducing the several Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors, into one Act*, was committed, that 147  
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<sup>1</sup> Hening. VII. p. 265.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII. p. 399.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII. p. 405.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, VII. p. 265.





the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; And he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendment was twice read, and was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingrossed.

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent forging the Treasury Notes of this Colony, in Circulation: And that Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do prepare and bring in the same.

An ingrossed *Bill* to impower the Vestry of *Meherrin Parish*, in the County of *Brunswick*, to sell the Glebe of the said Parish, and lay out the Money in purchasing a more convenient Glebe, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, *An Act to impower the Vestry of Meherrin Parish, in the county of Brunswick, to sell the Glebe of the said Parish, and lay out the Money in purchasing a more convenient Glebe.*

*Ordered*, That Mr Treasurer do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

Mr *Richard Henry Lee* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to prevent forging the Treasury Notes of this Colony, in Circulation: And the same was received, and read the first Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

Mr *Treasurer* reported, from the Committee for Religion, that the Committee had had under their further Consideration the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of *Suffolk Parish* in the County of *Nansemond*, on the East Side of the River, praying that the said Parish may be divided, or the Vestry dissolved, and for discontinuing a free Ferry therein mentioned; and had come to a Resolution, which they had directed him to report to the House: And he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Resolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said Petition be heard before the Committee, on *Tuesday*, the fifth day of *June* next.

The said *Resolution* being read a second Time, was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr *James Walker* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House, till the first Day of *January* next.

An ingrossed *Bill* to vest Three Hundred Acres of Land, devised by *Zachary Crips* for a Glebe, in the Parish of *Ware*, in the County of *Gloucester*, in Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, *An Act to vest Three Hundred Acres of Land, devised by Zachary Crips for a Glebe, in the Parish of Ware, in the County of Gloucester, in Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*

*Ordered*, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

148 *Ordered*, That Mr *Washington* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House, till this Day Sevenight.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill for laying a Public Levy.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had made a Progress in the Bill; and that he was directed by the Committee to move for Leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will, upon *Monday* next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the said Bill.

*Ordered*

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 408.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 435.





*Ordered*, That Mr *Carrington* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House, till this Day Sevenight.

Mr *Eyre* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to appoint Commissioners to state and settle the Damages done by the late Storm at *Roy's*, *Crutchfield's*, *Page's*, and other Warehouses, was committed, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House: And he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a second Time, one by one; and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, one of them was disagreed to, and the rest were agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Mayo* have Leave to be absent from the Service of this House, for the Remainder of this Session.

The other *Order* of the Day being read;

*Ordered*, That the Call of the House be further adjourned till *Monday* next.

*And then the House adjourned till Monday Morning next Eleven of the Clock.*

## Monday, the 18th of December. 10 Geo. III. 1769.

**A**NOTHER Member having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, and the Abjuration Oath, and repeated, and subscribed the Test, took his Seat in the House.

A *Petition* of *John Fox* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner is possessed of a Tract of Land, in the County of *Gloucester*, joining the Land whereon the Court-House stands, and that it would be for the Good of the Public if sixty Acres of the Petitioner's said Land were laid off in a Town; and therefore praying that an Act may pass for that Purpose.

*Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in, pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petition; and that Mr *Bland* and Mr *Alexander* do prepare and bring in the same.

*Ordered*, That the Order of the Day, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee 149 of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill for laying a public Levy, be now read.

And the said *Order* being read accordingly;

The House resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* returned the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table.

And the House being informed, that some other Amendments are necessary to be made to the said Bill;

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be re-committed.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be re-committed to the Committee of the whole House.

*Resolved*, That this House will now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Bill for laying a Public Levy.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* returned the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had made several other Amendments to the Bill, which they had directed him to Report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then, a second

Time



Time, one by one; and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, were, with several Amendments to one of them, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the better Support of the contingent Charges of this Government, that they make Provision in the said Bill for the Emission of Treafury Notes, of the Value of Ten Thousand Pounds.

Mr *Thomas Walker* reported, from the Committee appointed to proportion the Public Levy, that the Committee had proportioned the Public Levy, accordingly, and stated the same in a Book, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he delivered the Book in at the Clerk's Table.

*Ordered*, That the said Book do lie upon the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

*And then the House adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.*

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## Tuesday, the 19th of December, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

**A** Message from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

*The Council have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Amendment made by the Council to the Bill, intituled, An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof David Garland is seized in Fee Tail, and for vesting the Title in Francis Eppes, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, and for settling the Value thereof in Slaves to the same Uses: and also,*

*The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act declaring the Law concerning Execution, and for Relief of insolvent Debtors, without any Amendment: And also,*

*The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for reimbursing the Inhabitants of King William and Hanover Counties the Expence of clearing Pamunkey River, without any Amendment: And also,*

*The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to divide the Parish of Hamilton, in the Counties of Fauquier and Prince William, without any Amendment: And also,*

*The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for dividing the Parish of St. George, in the County of Spotsylvania, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, without any Amendment: And also,*

*The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for adding a part of the County of Nansemond to the County of Isle of Wight, and for ascertaining Part of the Boundary between the Counties of James City and York, without any Amendment: And also,*

*The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to vest Three Hundred Acres of Land, devised by Zachary Crips for a Glebe, in the Parish of Ware, in the County of Gloucester, in Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, without any Amendment: And also,*

*The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Vestry of Meherrin Parish, in the County of Brunswick, to sell the Glebe of the said Parish, and lay out the money in purchasing a more convenient Glebe, without any Amendment: And also,*

*The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act to empower the Executors of the Will of Charles Carter, Esq; to sell Part of his Land for the Payment of his Debts and Legacies, without any Amendment.*

And

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 442.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, V, p. 526.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 407.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 403.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 399.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 405.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 435.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 408.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 436.





And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had had under their Consideration several Claims, to them referred, for the Pay and Expences of the Militia of different Counties, and had drawn up and stated an Account thereof, which the Committee had directed him to report, together with the Resolution of the Committee thereupon, to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Resolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said Claims are reasonable; and that the respective Claimants ought to be allowed by the Public for the same. 151

The said *Resolution* being read a second Time, was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, who are appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the better Support of the contingent Charges of Government, that they make Provision in the said Bill for Payment of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds Sterling, to defray the Expence of running the Line between this Colony and the *Cherokee Indians*, and also for Payment of the further Sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds Sterling, for importing Copper Money, according to the former Resolutions of this House.

Mr *Bland* reported, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, that the Committee had had under their Consideration several Petitions, to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which the Committee had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Resolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Cumberland*, praying to be discharged of their Proportion of the Expence of maintaining *Genito* and *Nash's* Bridges, over the *Appomattox* River, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Accomack*, praying that *Guilford* Warehouse may be discontinued, and new Warehouses for the Reception of Tobacco, established at one or other of the Places mentioned in the said petition, be heard before the Committee, on *Monday* the 28<sup>th</sup> May next.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitioners, or any other Persons, be at Liberty to examine Witneses, touching the Conveniency or Inconveniency of the said *Guilford* Warehouse, and the Places proposed for erecting new Warehouses, before *Tully Robinson Wife*, *John Watts*, *James Arbuckle*, *William Taylor*, and *Charles Bagwell*, or any three of them, and that they return the Depositions of such Witneses to the Committee, at the Time appointed.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said Commissioners, or any three of them, give at least ten Days public Notice of the Time and Place where they shall attend to take the Depositions.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Mr *Treasurer* reported, from the Committee for Religion, that the Committee had had under their further Consideration the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Parish of *Overwharton* in the County of *Stafford*, praying that the Vestry of the said Parish may be dissolved, and had come to a Resolution thereupon, which the Committee had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Resolution of the Committee was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*





*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said Petition be heard before the Committee upon *Monday*, the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of *May* next.

The said *Resolution* being read a second Time, was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Mr *Bland* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for the better Support of the contingent Charges of Government; and the same was received, and read the first Time.

152 *Resolved*, That the Bill be read a second Time.

An ingrossed *Bill* to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof *Daniel M'Carty* is seized, and for settling other Lands and Slaves to the same Uses, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands, and for settling other Lands and Slaves to the same Uses*.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Washington* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

Mr *Speaker* acquainted the House, that he had received a Letter from the Speaker of the General Assembly of *New-York*, in Answer to one transmitted to him by Mr *Speaker*, pursuant to the Order of the House, on the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of *May* last; and he delivered the said Letter in at the Clerk's Table.

*Ordered*, That the said Letter do lie upon the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

A *Bill* to prevent forging the Treafury Notes of this Colony, in Circulation, was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be ingrossed.

An ingrossed *Bill* to appoint Commissioners to state and settle the Damages done by the late Storm at *Roy's*, *Crutchfield's*, *Page's*, and other Warehouses, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act to appoint Commissioners to state and settle the Damages done by the late Storm in several Warehouses*.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Eyre* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

Mr *Lewis Burwell* of *James City*, reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill to dock the Intail of 4000 Acres of Land, in the County of *Isle of Wight*, whereof *James Burwell* is seized in Fee Tail, and for vesting the same in Trustees in Fee Simple, and for other Purposes therein mentioned, was committed, that the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then, a second Time, one by one, and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, were agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

Mr *Edmund Pendleton* reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had examined the Matter of Mr *Nathaniel Terry's* Information, 'that in the Month of *May* last he had been accused by Mr *Coles*, a Member of this House, of several Crimes, which Accusation had been then referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Privileges and Elections;' and that the Committee had directed him to report the same to the House; and he read the report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the same was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

153 Mr *Coles* appearing before the Committee, declared it was very disagreeable to him to enter into the Prosecution of his said Accusation in *May* last; but that he was ready to deliver into the Committee the Names of the Persons upon whom he depended to have proved the Matters of his Charge, if it had proceeded in *May*.

*Ordered*, That the said Information be re-committed.

*Ordered*, That the said Information be re-committed to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

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A *Bill* for the better Support of the contingent Charges of Government, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the *Bill* be committed.

*Resolved*, That the *Bill* be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

*Resolved*, That this House will now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the said *Bill*.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the *Bill*, and made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the *Bill*, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table; where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then, a second Time, one by one, and, upon the Question severally put thereupon were, with Amendments to several of them, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the *Bill*, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

*And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.*

### Wednesday. the 20th of December. 10 Geo. III. 1769.

THE Book of Public Proportions, which upon *Monday* last was ordered to lie upon the Table, was read, and, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the Book to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

An ingrossed *Bill* for laying a Public Levy, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the *Bill* do pass: And that the Title be, *An Act for laying a Public Levy*.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do carry the *Bill* to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had examined several Claims, to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which the Committee had directed him to report to the House: And he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Resolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Claim of *William Ralston*, for a Mare taken by the *Cherokee Indians*, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Walter Cunningham*, to be reimbursed a Judgment obtained against him by *John Clendening*, for his Pay as a Soldier in his Company, be rejected, the same having been allowed before.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Claim of *Edward Powers*, for the Hire of a Horse to convey a Criminal to the Public Gaol, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Claim of *Tunstall Banks*, Administrator, &c. of *William Banks*, deceased, for Sixty-one Days Pay, as a Lieutenant in the Year 1760, be rejected.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Claim of *Adam Wayland*, for Thirty Shillings, the Value of a Gun, impressed for the Use of the Militia, be rejected, the said Claim not being sufficiently proved.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Claim of *Joseph Pollard*, for Thirty-five Shillings, the Value of a Gun, impressed for the Use of the Militia, be rejected, the said Claim not being sufficiently proved.

*Resolved*





*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Claim of *Jacob Vanmeter*, for the Hire of a Waggon and Team to transport Flour to Fort Cumberland, be rejected, the same not being a Public Claim.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Claim of *John Black*, for Eighty Days Pay as a Soldier, be rejected, it not appearing when the Service was performed.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Mr *Archibald Cary* reported, from the Committee of Public Claims, that the Committee had examined several Claims, to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which the Committee had directed him to report to the House: And he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Resolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *Charles Tomkies*, to be allowed for the Damages he sustained by Means of his Slave's being Frost-bitten in Gaol, as set forth in the said Petition, is reasonable; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of Thirty Pounds for the same.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Claim of *Benjamin Powell*, for repairing the Capitol, is reasonable; and that he ought to be allowed, by the Public, the Sum of Seventy-nine Pounds Eleven Shillings and Eleven Pence, for the same.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Claim of the said *Powell* for repairing the Magazine, be rejected.

The said *Resolutions* being severally read a second Time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

*Resolved*, That *Charles Tomkies* be allowed, by the Public, the Sum of Thirty Pounds, for the Damages he sustained by Means of his Slave's being Frost-bitten in Gaol.

*Resolved*, That *Benjamin Powell* be allowed, by the Public, the Sum of Seventy-nine Pounds Eleven Shillings and Eleven Pence, for repairing the Capitol.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Archibald Cary* do carry the said Resolutions to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

An ingrossed *Bill* for the better Support of the contingent Charges of Government, was read the third Time.

An ingrossed *Clause* was offered to be added to the Bill, by Way of a Ryder, for the Continuance of the Duties mentioned in the Bill.

And the said *Clause* was thrice read, and, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, to be made Part of the Bill, by Way of a Ryder.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, *An Act for the better Support of the contingent Charges of Government.*

155 *Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

An ingrossed *Bill* to prevent forging the Treasury Notes of this Colony, in Circulation, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, *An Act to prevent forging the Treasury Notes of this Colony, in Circulation.*

*Ordered*, That Mr *Richard Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

An ingrossed *Bill* for the Ease and Relief of the people, by paying the Burgeffes in Money, for the last Convention, and present Session of Assembly, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, *An Act for the Ease and Relief of the People, by paying the Burgeffes in Money, for the last Convention, and present Session of Assembly.*

*Ordered*, That Mr *Henry Lee* do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

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• Hening, VIII, p. 342.

• *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 348.

• *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 490





A *Bill* to impower the Vestry of the Parish of *Frederick*, in the County of *Frederick*, to levy on the Inhabitants of the said Parish, the Amount of a Judgment recovered against them by *William Meldrum*, their late Minister, was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the *Bill* be ingrossed.

A *Bill* for the more speedy and effectual Recovery of the Debt due to the Public, from the Estate of the late Treasurer, was read a second Time.

*Resolved*, That the *Bill* be committed.

*Resolved*, That the *Bill* be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

*Resolved*, That this House will now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the *Bill* for the more speedy and effectual Recovery of the Debt due to the Public, from the Estate of the late Treasurer.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr *Speaker* left the Chair.

Mr *Bland* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

Mr *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the *Bill*, and made several Amendments thereunto, which they had directed him to report to the House: And he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the *Bill*, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout, and then a second Time, one by one; and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, were agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the *Bill*, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

An ingrossed *Bill* to continue and amend an Act, intituled, *An Act for reducing the several Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors, into one Act*, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the *Bill* do pass: And that the Title be, *An Act to continue and amend an Act, intituled, An Act for reducing the several Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors, into one Act*.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Bland* do carry the *Bill* to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

An ingrossed *Bill* for laying an additional Duty upon Slaves imported into this Colony, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the *Bill* do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act for laying an additional Duty upon Slaves imported into this Colony*. 156

*Ordered*, That Mr *Harrison* do carry the *Bill* to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

An ingrossed *Bill* to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act for inspecting Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine*, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the *Bill* do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act to amend an Act intituled, An Act for inspecting Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine*.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Harrison* do carry the *Bill* to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

The Council have agreed to the *Bill*, intituled, *An Act for the better Support of the contingent Charges of Government, without any Amendment*; And also,

The Council have agreed to the *Bill*, intituled, *An Act for laying a Public Levy, without any Amendment*: And also,

The Council have agreed to the *Bill*, intituled, *An Act to continue and Amend an Act, intituled, An Act for reducing the several Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquor, into one Act, without any Amendment*: And also,

The Council have agreed to the *Bill*, intituled, *An Act to prevent forging the Treasury Notes of this Colony in circulation, without any Amendment*: And also,

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<sup>1</sup> Hening, VII, p. 265.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 235.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 337.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, VI, p. 246.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 351.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 342.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 340.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 335.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 348.

The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country, and the second part with the details of the various departments. The first part is divided into three sections: the first section deals with the general situation of the country, the second section deals with the details of the various departments, and the third section deals with the details of the various departments. The second part is divided into three sections: the first section deals with the details of the various departments, the second section deals with the details of the various departments, and the third section deals with the details of the various departments.

*The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the Ease and Relief of the People by paying the Burgeffes in money for the last Convention, and present Session of Assembly, without any Amendment: And also,*

*The Council have agreed to the Book of Public Proportions: And also,*

*The Council have agreed to the Schedule containing fundry militia claims: And also,*

*The Council have agreed to the Resolve of this House for paying 30 £ to Charles Tomkies: And also,*

*The Council have agreed to the Resolve of this House for paying 79£ 11s. 11d. to Benjamin Powell.*

And then the Messenger withdrew.

An ingrossed *Bill* for paying Officers Fees due from the Inhabitants of other Counties for Services done in the County of Loudoun, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act for paying the Officers Fees due from the Inhabitants of other Counties for Services done in Counties therein mentioned.*

*Ordered*, That Mr Bland do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

An ingrossed *Bill* to empower the Vestry of Dettingen Parish, in the County of Prince William, to sell the Glebe of the said Parish, and lay out the Money in purchasing a more convenient Glebe, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act to empower the Vestry of Dettingen Parish, in the County of Prince William, to sell the Glebe of the said Parish, and lay out the Money in purchasing a more convenient Glebe.*

*Ordered*, That Mr Treasurer do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

*And then the house adjourned till To-Morrow Morning Eleven of the Clock.*

## Thursday, the 21st of December, 10 Geo. III. 1769.

**A**N ingrossed *Bill* for the more speedy and effectual Recovery of the Debt due to the Public, from the Estate of the late Treasurer, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act for the more speedy and effectual Recovery of the Debt due to the Public, from the Estate of the late Treasurer.*

*Ordered*, That Mr Bland do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

An ingrossed *Bill* to empower the Vestry of the Parish of Frederick, in the County of Frederick, to levy on the Inhabitants of the said Parish, the Amount of a Judgment recovered against them, by William Meldrum, their late Minister, was read the third Time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass; and that the Title be, *An Act for reimbursing the late Vestry of the Parish of Frederick, in the County of Frederick, the Amount of a Judgment therein mentioned.*

*Ordered*, That Mr Mercer do carry the Bill to the Council, and desire their Concurrence.

Mr Edmund Pendleton reported, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that the Committee had further examined the Matter of the Information of Mr Nathaniel Terry, relating to the Accusation reflecting upon his Character, to them re-committed, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the House: And he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table; where the Resolutions of the Committee were read, and are as followeth, viz.

*Resolved*

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 490.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 339.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 409.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 349.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 415.



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*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Subject Matter of the said Information be heard before the Committee, on *Thursday* the Twenty-fourth Day of *May* next.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Depositions of the several Witneffes, whose Names are now delivered in to the Committee by Mr *Coles*, be taken before *Robert Munford*, of *Mecklenburg*, *Hugh Innes*, *John Donelson*, *Robert Wooding*, *Thomas Meriwether*, *Thomas Bolling*, *Seth Ward*, and *Benjamin Watkins*, Gentlemen, or any two of them, to be read as Evidence before the Committee, in Case the Witneffes shall be unable to attend, at the Time of Hearing, Ten Days Notice of the Time and Place of taking such Depositions being given to Mr *Terry* by Mr *Coles*, who is appointed and desired to attend such Examinations; and that Mr *Terry* be at Liberty, before the same Commiffioners, to take the Examinations of any Witneffes, to be Evidence as aforefaid, giving the like Notice to Mr *Coles*.

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A *Meffage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*;

Mr *Speaker*,

*The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act<sup>1</sup> for laying an additional duty upon Slaves imported into this Colony, without any Amendment: And also,*

*The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act<sup>2</sup> to Amend an Act, intituled, Act for inspecting Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch and Turpentine, without any Amendment: And also,*

*The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act<sup>3</sup> for the more speedy and effectual Recovery of the Debt due to the Public from the Estate of the late Treasurer, without any Amendment: And also,*

*The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act<sup>4</sup> for paying officers fees due from the Inhabitants of other Counties, for Services done in the Counties therein mentioned, without any Amendment: And also,*

*The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act<sup>5</sup> to appoint Commiffioners to state and settle the Damages done by the late Storm, in several Warehouses, without any Amendment: And also,*

*The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act<sup>6</sup> to impower the Vestry of Dettingen Parish, in the County of Prince William, to sell the Glebe at the said Parish, and lay out the Money in purchasing a more convenient Glebe, without any Amendment: And also,*

*The Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act<sup>7</sup> for reimbursing the late Vestry of the Parish of Frederick, in the County of Frederick, the amount of a judgment therein mentioned, without any Amendment.*

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Mr *Dudley Digges* reported, from the Committee appointed to examine the enrolled Bills, that the Committee had examined the enrolled Bills, and rectified such Mistakes as were found therein; and that they are truly enrolled.

*Ordered*, That Mr *Dudley Digges* do carry the enrolled Bills to the Council, for their Inspection.

A *Meffage* from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*;

Mr *Speaker*,

*The Council have inspected the enrolled bills and are satisfied they are truly enrolled.*

And then the Messenger withdrew.

A *Meffage* from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*;

Mr *Speaker*,

*The Governor commands this House to attend his Excellency, immediately, in the Council*

<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 337.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 351.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 349.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 339.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 390.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 409.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 415.





Council Chamber; and that you bring with you such Bills and Resolves as are ready for his Assent.

Accordingly, Mr Speaker, with the House, went up to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber. And, being returned,

150 Mr Speaker reported, that the House had attended the Governor in the Council Chamber, where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the several Public and Private Bills following, viz.

An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for relief of Insolvent Debtors.

An Act to regulate the Practice of suing out, and prosecuting Writs of Replevin, in Cases of Distress, for Rent.

An Act for further continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for reducing the several Acts of Assembly, for making Provision against Invasions and Insurrections, into one Act.

An Act to continue and Amend an Act, intituled, An Act for reducing the several Acts made for laying a Duty upon Liquors, into one Act.

An Act for continuing certain Acts of Assembly, imposing Duties upon Slaves.

An Act for laying an additional Duty upon Slaves, imported into this Colony.

An Act for further continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for paying Officers Fees, due from the Inhabitants of other Counties, for Services done in the Counties therein mentioned.

An Act for laying a Public Levy.

An Act for the better Support of the contingent Charges of Government.

An Act to prevent forging the Treasury-Notes of this Colony in Circulation.

An Act for the more speedy and effectual Recovery of the Debt due to the Public, from the Estate of the late Treasurer.

An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act for inspecting Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch and Turpentine.

An Act to continue an Act, intituled, An Act for establishing Pilots and regulating their Fees.

An Act for preventing and suppressing Private Lotteries.

An Act for further continuing and amending the Act, intituled, An Act for increasing the Rewards for killing Wolves within certain Counties, to be paid by the respective wherein the services shall be performed.

An Act for destroying Crows and Squirrels in certain Counties therein mentioned.

An Act to appoint Commissioners to state and settle the Damages done by the late Storm in several Warehouses.

An Act to repeal an Act of the General Assembly, exempting the Inhabitants of Mecklenburg County from the Payment of Ferriage on certain Days.

An Act for exempting Free Negro, Mulatto, and Indian Women, from the Payment of Levies.

An Act for giving a Salary to the Speaker of the House of Burgeesses.

An Act for continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for appointing a Treasurer.

An Act for dividing the County and Parish of Augusta, and for adding certain Island in the Fluvanna River, to the Counties of Albemarle, and Amherst.

An Act for dividing the Parish of St. George, in the County of Spotsylvania, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

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<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 326.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 332.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 334.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 335.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 336.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 337.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 338.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 339.

<sup>9</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 340.

<sup>10</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 342.

<sup>11</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 343.

<sup>12</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 349.

<sup>13</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 351.

<sup>14</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 353.

<sup>15</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 353.

<sup>16</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 383.

<sup>17</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 389.

<sup>18</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 390.

<sup>19</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 392.

<sup>20</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 393.

<sup>21</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 394.

<sup>22</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 395.

<sup>23</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 395.

<sup>24</sup> Ibid., VIII, p. 399.



An Act to divide the Parish of Hamilton, in the Counties of Fauquier and Prince William.

An Act for adding Part of the County of Nansemond to the County of Isle of Wight, and for ascertaining Part of the Boundary between the Counties of James City and York.

An Act for adding Part of the Parish of Southfarnham to the Parish of St. Anne.

An Act for reimbursing the Inhabitants of King William and Hanover Counties the Expence of clearing Pamunkey River.

An Act to empower the Vestry of Meherrin Parish, in the County of Brunswick, to sell the Glebe of the said Parish, and lay out the Money in purchasing a more convenient Glebe.

An Act to empower the Vestry of Dettingen Parish, in the County of Prince William, to sell the Glebe of the said Parish, and lay out the Money in purchasing a more convenient Glebe.

An Act to empower the Vestry of St. Marks Parish, in the County of Culpeper, to sell the Glebe of the said Parish and lay out the Money in purchasing a more convenient Glebe.

An Act to Amend an Act, intituled, An Act for establishing a Town, near Warwick, in the County of Henrico.

An Act for adding twenty Acres of Land, whereof Patrick Ramsay is seized, to the Town of Blanford.

An Act to empower the Churchwardens and Vestry of the Parish of Hungars, in the County of Northampton, to lease certain Lands therein mentioned.

An Act for reimbursing the late Vestry of the Parish of Frederick, in the County of Frederick, the Amount of a Judgment therein mentioned.

An Act to vest Three Hundred Acres of Land devised by Zachary Crips for a Glebe, in the Parish of Ware, in the County of Gloucester, in Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to empower the Executors of the Will of Charles Carter, Esq; to sell Part of his Lands for the Payment of His Debts and Legacies.

An Act to confirm to George Marshall, the Fee Simple Estate in certain Lands, purchased by him of the Vestry of Hanover, in the County of King George.

An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof Thomas Fisher, jun. is seized, and for settling Slaves, of greater Value, to the same Uses.

An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof David Garland is seized in Fee Tail, and for vesting the Title in Francis Eppes, Gentleman, in Fee Simple, and for settling the Value thereof in Slaves, to the same Uses.

An Act for the Ease and Relief of the People, by paying the Burgeesses in Money for the last Convention, and present Session of Assembly.

And also, That

His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the several Resolves following, viz.

A Resolve for paying Three Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds per Annum to William Rind, the Public Printer.

A Resolve for paying Three Hundred Pounds to William Rind, Alexander Purdie, and John Dixon, Printers, as a further Consideration for printing and binding the Acts of General Assembly.

A Resolve for paying an additional Salary of Fifteen Pounds per Annum to Edward Westmore, Keeper of the Public Gaol.

A Resolve for paying Thirty Pounds to Charles Tomkies, for the Damages he sustained by Means of his Slave's being Frost-bitten in Gaol.

A Resolve for paying Seventy-nine Pounds Eleven Shillings and Eleven Pence to Benjamin Powell, for repairing the Capitol.

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<sup>1</sup> Hening, VIII, p. 403.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 405.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 406.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 407.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 408.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 409.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 410.

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 411.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 413.

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 414.

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 415.

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 435.

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 436.

<sup>14</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 438.

<sup>15</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 440.

<sup>16</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 442.

<sup>17</sup> *Ibid.*, VIII, p. 490.





A *Resolve* for paying several Militia Claims to several Persons in the Counties of Augusta, Bedford, Culpeper, Fauquier, Frederick, Hampshire, Loudoun, and Prince William.

And that afterwards his Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to the Council, and this House, as followeth, *viz.*

*Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgeesses.*

*I thank you very sincerely for the material Service you have rendered to his Majesty, and this his ancient Dominion, by considering their Interests as exactly the same, in the Course of all your wise and temperate Deliberations.*

*Conduct, like yours, is the surest Test of virtuous Principles, and cannot fail of securing to you, in my Opinion, the first of all Rewards, a grateful Acceptance from our beloved Sovereign and his happy People.*

*The Inclination of this Assembly could alone have engaged me to have interrupted the Business of this Session; but as I understand that it is generally desired to adjourn over the Christmas Holidays, and not to meet again till the Month of May, I do direct both Houses to adjourn themselves to the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of May next.*

*And the House accordingly adjourned until Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of May next Eleven of the Clock in the Morning.*

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for the transparency and accountability of the organization. This section also outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze data, ensuring that the information is reliable and up-to-date.

2. The second part of the document focuses on the implementation of the proposed changes. It details the steps involved in the process, from initial planning to final execution. This section highlights the challenges faced during the implementation phase and provides strategies to overcome them. It also discusses the role of each department in ensuring a smooth transition.

3. The third part of the document addresses the future outlook of the organization. It discusses the long-term goals and the strategies to achieve them. This section also mentions the need for continuous improvement and the importance of staying updated with the latest trends in the industry. It concludes with a statement of confidence in the organization's ability to meet its future challenges.



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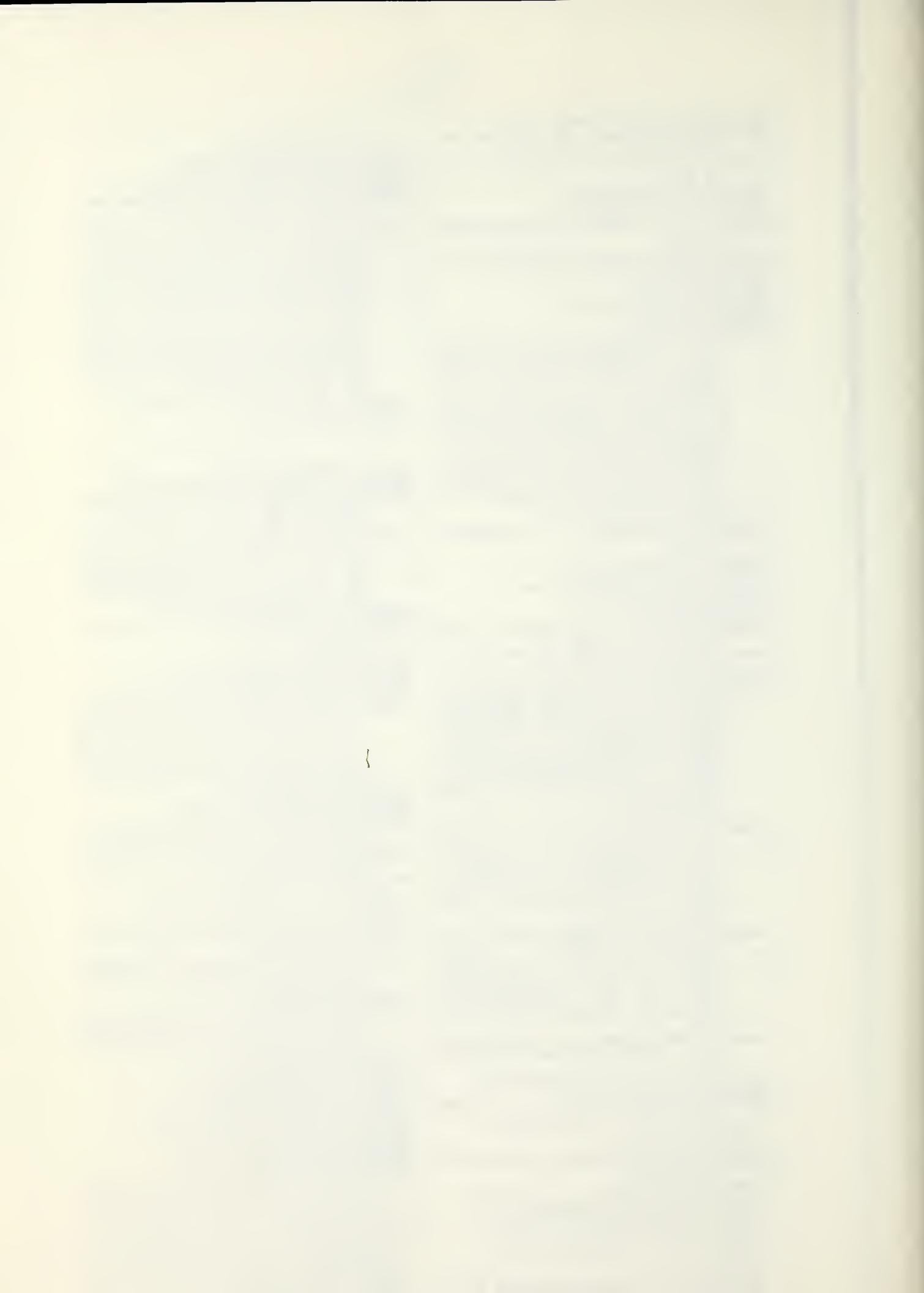
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